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NEWS SUMMARY

THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

The foreign commissioners constituting the court of inquiry into the North sea incident are in Paris, ready to go to work.

Gen. Stoessel, commanding at Port Arthur, asks Gen. Nogi to cease firing on the Red Cross hospital.

DOMESTIC.

Nine persons lose their lives by burning of steamer Glen Island.

Colorado supreme court throws out vote of four more Denver precincts.

United States Steel Corporation cannot make enough pig iron to supply its demands.

Chicago alderman's charges of bribery against his fellows recoil on his own head.

Explosion of gas stove in Brooklyn residence kills three persons and fatally injures two.

Judge hearing the Spang case threatens newspapers if they publish the proceedings.

Chinese minister to the United States lauds the peace policy of his country.

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick pleaded not guilty when arraigned in the federal court at Cleveland. She refused to ask that bail be fixed and was taken back to jail. Bankers Beckwith and Spear of Oberlin also pleaded not guilty and furnished increased bail.

A high official of the Mormon church declared before the Smoot investigating committee that he would obey the mandates of the church before those of the United States government.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The new capitol will be completed in time to house the next legislature.

LOCAL.

John A. Brasher tells of the cracks on the surface of the moon, another of which has just been discovered.

Republicans are still hunting for a candidate for controller.

Christmas shoppers pack downtown streets despite the sloppy weather.

Carnegie library trustees ask for appropriation of $158,000 for 1905.

Saturday half-holiday and other concessions refused workmen by master plasterers.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Phelan is in critical condition at St. Paul's orphan asylum in Idlewood.

Director Moore to establish police station in Twenty-second ward.

LEGAL.

Cochran Fleming is surcharged $62,318 as executor of John Fleming's estate.

Louis Pliner sentenced to serve 18 months in the workhouse for running a fence for burglars.

SPORTING.

Manager Clarke of the Pirates returned from New York and is pleased with the deals made. He predicts the team will be faster than ever.

Pittsburgh High school seven defeated the Allegheny Prep team 7 to 0 at the Garden.

The American league fielding averages show that ex-Pirate Chesbro is the leading pitcher.

The past week was a great one in local bowling circles, many remarkable scores being made.

FINANCIAL.

New York stocks were strong until just before the end of the session, when they suddenly reacted and closed weak. Pittsburg stocks firm, some issues reaching the highest prices of the week. New York bank loans decreased $22,000,000 for the week and the surplus reserve increased $3,181,425. Pittsburgh bank clearings increased $8,700,000 over the same week last year. Wet weather reports from southwest, and increased receipts in northwest weaken the wheat market.

HOME JOURNAL SECTION—16 Pages.
Editorial—Sophie Gates Kerr.
Housewives' Reciprocity Bureau.
I Go A-Gossiping—Mistress Pepys.
Japanese Physical Culture, Part VIV.—Elizabeth Beveredge.
"The Impertinence of Charles Edward," a story by H. G. Rhodes.
Little Poems of Greater Pittsburgh No. 52. "The Pictorial Hymnal or Sinful Squeers."
"The Usurper," a Christmas story by Mary E. Wilkins Freeman.
Floral Decorations for Christmas.
Modish Gowns for the Matron, by Catherine Howard.
Practical Household Topics—Menus for the Week—Christmas Candies—Seasonable Recipes.
Gowns for the Holiday Season, by Madame Fullerton.
The Opening Session at Washington, by Roberta V. Bradshaw.
Beatrix Lee's Counsel.
At Story Telling Time.
EDITORIAL SECTION—16 Pages.
Mr. Dooley on the Simple Life, by Finley Peter Dunne.
The Green Door, by O. Henry.
A Confederate Invasion of Pennsylvania, by Col. A. K. McClure.
The Hypocrisy of Peace, by Bjoernstjerne Bjoernson.
Honor for American Artists, by Algernon C. Dougherty.
Books and Bookmen, by George Seibel.
Plays and Players, by Charles M. Bregg.
The Quiet Observer, by Erasmus Wilson.
Financial Review, by John O. Baglin.
COMIC SECTION—Four Pages.
Ma Pig and Mister Coon.
Sammy Sneeze and Betsy Bouncer.
Foxy Grandpa and Jimmy Swift.
Buster Brown's Christmas.

When in New York stop at Gregorian hotel, 35th street West, near 5th avenue.

THE LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS

In the First Proverb Contest will be found on Page 6 of Section 3.

PROVERB PROBLEM NO. 8,

Of the Second Series, On Page 2, Today.

NINE PERISH ON A BURNING BOAT

Steamer Glen Island Is Destroyed by Fire Off Connecticut Coast.

ENTRAPPED IN HOLD

Engineer Dies at His Post, Together With Six of the Seamen.

TWO PASSENGERS ARE LOST

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU.
Herald Building, Herald Square.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

With no chance to escape, two passengers, one officer and six memebrs of the crew of the Starin Transportation Company's steamer Glen Island were burned to death early today, near Captain Island, off Greenwich, Conn., in a fire which almost totally destroyed the boat, on its trip from New York to New Haven. Those who survived were picked up by the tug Bully, and were later transferred to the Erastus Corning and brought to this city.

Of the dead, W. E. Hendrickson, the second engineer of the boat, stuck to his post until he dropped unconscious to the floor. Four firemen, toiling in the hold below, were cut off from all escape, and two of the deckhands who were killed were asleep in their bunks. One of the dead passengers was a woman, whose name may never be known, and who lost her life by going back into her stateroom for her jewels. The other passenger killed was a man.

The flames seemed to envelope the whole boat at once, and simultaneously with the first cry of "fire" the lights all over the vessel went out. From this the officers of the boat think that the fire started from defective insulation.

THE DEAD:

W. E. HENDRICKSON, New Haven, Conn., second engineer.
LUMAN MILLER, fireman.
FRANK BUSH, fireman.
JOHN BURKS, fireman.
OTTO L. ALLOFRAN, fireman.
OSCAR BERG, deckhand.
PETER BENSON, deckhand.
UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN, a passenger, middle aged.
UNIDENTIFIED MAN, a passenger, about 30 years old.

Saved the Lifeboat.

Nearly every one rescued lost all he had. Most of the women who were saved were dressed scantily. Mrs. Frederick B. Street of New Haven, Conn., who was in lifeboat No. 2 with 15 others, was in her bare feet, and as the water rushed through the bottom of the little craft because of the absence of a plug, it washed around her ankles and covered her limbs with ice. Nathan Lubin, a passenger, kept the boat from sinking by thrusting a finger into the plug hole.

A smaller boat which Pilot McMullin had managed to free carried seven passengers. The two boats were rowed as far away from the burning steamer as was necessary to escape destruction, waited there and watched the boat burn. They made every effort to find any possible survivors, but there was none to be found. In the meantime the tug Bully, which was passing with a string of barges in tow, sighted the burning steamer, cast her tow adrift and came to the rescue of the persons in the boats.

Capt. McAllister said: "I believe Assistant Engineer Hendrickson must have been burned at his post. It was impossible for the six members of the crew to get from their bunks in the first hold where they were sleeping. We heard their cries, but there was not a chance for them. They died like roasted rats."

Fireman Was a Hero.

Regarding the death of the woman passenger, the captain said when all were ready to embark in the boats she returned to her stateroom for her purse. The flames cut off her escape, though the captain could see her at the door of her room.

"Fireman Miller, who had dragged a lot of people out of their bunks, said to me," continued the captain, "'I can't see that woman roast to death. I'm going to get her.'

"I told him it was impossible, but Miller said: 'Well, it's worth a try, anyway,' and he plunged right through the fire and reached the woman. He picked her up, and as he turned to either jump overboard with her, or to try to come back where we were, we could all see that his clothes and her clothes were afire.

"Miller was about to make a dive with the woman for the water when the deck under him gave away, and he and the woman went down into the flames."

The Glen Island was constructed from the ruins of the City of Richmond. The latter, curiously enough, also was burned. After having been rebuilt, the steamer was christened William C. Edgerton, and later renamed Glen Island.

JAMES W. EZELL CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Young Operator Has Been Supporting His Parents, Who Are in Destitute Circumstances.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 17.—James W. Ezell, charged with the murder of Yardmaster W. G. Porter at Newell, was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

Ezell's father was a wealthy landowner and tobacco raiser in Southern Kentucky, but lost his property, and Ezell was obliged to work at the age of 11. At 16 he began the study of telegraphy at odd moments and was able to take a position at 18. He has been an operator for six years and is now 24 years old. It is claimed his parents are in destitute circumstances and that for several years he has been giving them his wages above living expenses, sending his last remittance only a few days before the Newell tragedy.

The Only Possible Chance for the Man Shopper.

GOVERNOR ODELL HOLDS THE WHIP

Has Not Yet Decided Who Will Succeed Depew in the Senate.

HE SAYS HARMONY PREVAILS

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU.
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NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

William L. Ward, Republican national committeeman for New York, stated frankly today that the next United States senator will be "the man picked by Gov. Odell."

"The governor has absolute control of the situation," said Mr. Ward at the Fifth Avenue hotel, "and when he makes up his mind he'll tell me what to do; then I'll tell our fellows in West Chester county and it will be done."

"Well, whom does Gov. Odell favor?" Mr. Ward was asked.

"Now, that's just it," he said, smiling dreamingly. "That's just what I'd like to know. I have been sitting beside the governor in a receptive mood for several days, but do you know, he has never told me whether he is for Black or Depew."

"Then you think it lies between these two?"

"Not necessarily, but they are the only candidates. Still, the race is open, and a third man might be chosen. The governor has not made up his mind yet."

Gov. Odell had only this to say about the senatorial situation today:

"There is no change and the matter is unsettled. The merry Yuletide is here, and the spirit of peace and good will prevails in the Republican party. Everything is harmonious and will remain so. I had a very pleasant chat with Senator Depew at dinner last night and I expect to meet him at another dinner later."

A formal announcement of the desire of Frank S. Black to succeed Chauncey M. Depew as senator was made this afternoon in the Troy Times. In previous years that newspaper has spoken officially for Mr. Black.

Mr. Black would not discuss the announcement. Republican leaders at the Fifth Avenue hotel, however, looked upon it as another step in a well defined plan.

PENNSYLVANIANS HAVE CANDIDATE FOR BUREAU

Recommend Congressman Warner of Illinois for Pension Commissioner.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Pennsylvania delegation in congress has lined up for Representative Vespasian Warner of Illinois for the position of pension commissioner to succeed Eugene Ware, who goes out of office on January 1. Representatives Sibley and Mahon called at the White House today and on behalf of their colleagues from Pennsylvania urged the president to appoint Representative Warner.

President Roosevelt told them he had offered the place to Maj. William Warner of Missouri, and that the major had not yet given his answer. If he does not accept it the president said he would be pleased to consider Representative Warner for the place, although he did not make any definite promise in the matter. Representative Hemenway today presented a similar request to the president on behalf of the Indiana delegation.

Senators Elkins and Scott and Representative Dovener of West Virginia today called at the White House to recommend to the president that he appoint R. B. Naylor of Wheeling to a place in the consular service.

L. W. STRAYER.

MORMONS WILL ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Elder John G. McQuarrie, head of the eastern conference of the Latter Day Saints, says land has been purchased in West One Hundred and Twenty-third street, Harlem, on which a Mormon place of worship is to be erected. "We care nothing about any protest the public may make," said Elder McQuarrie when he learned of opposition which is said to have developed.

READY FOR THE BALTIC PROBERS

First Session of the North Sea Commission to Be Held in Paris on Tuesday.

RESULT TO BE FAR REACHING

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Great activity is manifested in official and diplomatic quarters in connection with the opening next Tuesday of the session of the international commission which is to inquire into the North sea incident. Besides the Anglo-Russian crisis which the appointment of the commission has entered, it is expected the meeting will establish a number of precedents affecting international conditions, and the rights and responsibilities of belligerents and neutrals in time of war.

The British and Russian members will arrive Monday. The French member is already here. Admiral Davis, the American representative, is expected to arrive Monday.

The admiral's party consists of his wife and daughter, and his aide, Ensign William F. Bricker.

The various delegations include a number of interesting personages. The Russian embassy said today their party included Admiral Kazankoff, the Russian member of the commission; Lieut. Col. Stenger, Baron Tebeau, the Russian judicial adviser; Capt. Clado and Lieutenants Ellis, Ott and Schremtchenke.

The British party is made up of Rear Admiral Sir Lewis A. Beaumont, the representative; Sir Edward Fry, counsel, and Hugh O'Brien, agent. Sir Edward Fry, who is part 70 years, is one of the ablest jurists of England. He will be pitted against Baron Tebeau.

Admiral Fournier is the French member of the commission. Besides the main personages, the witnesses may include fishermen and sailors, thus giving a truly picturesque stage setting.

Final arrangements have been made for the opening session to take place Tuesday, December 20. Instead of the gorgeous hall the ambassadors will be installed in more convenient business quarters on the first floor of the palace on the Quai d'Orsay. The proceedings will be private. It is expected Foreign Minister Delcasse will make the address of welcome. Thereafter the admirals will choose a fifth admiral, determine questions of procedure, and adjourn until after the holidays.

It is understood the British side of the case is practically made up. It is the expectation Sir Edward Fry will present and prove the case. It is assumed English common law will prevail, and that the burden is on Great Britain to prove in the affirmative, and not upon Russia to disprove in the negative.

This procedure permits Russia to remain on the defensive while Great Britain endeavors to prove her case. Here the protocol provides the commission can establish its own procedure. Owing to the mixed nationalities of the admirals, it is not certain whether English common law, the French civil code or the Russian-Greek procedure will prevail.

SOUTHERN REPRESENTATION WILL NOT BE CURTAILED

Crumpacker Abandons Fight for Reduction of Congressmen from Dixieland.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Reduction of the southern representation in congress has fallen into the sub-cellar of the Republican party, where it will remain. Representative Crumpacker of Indiana, who has been fighting for this reform for several years, announced today that he had given up the fight for this session of congress. It is understood that Judge Crumpacker is very much discouraged at the sudden lukewarmness of the president on this subject. He was also equally discouraged because of the lack of co-operation on the part of the senators.

Senator Dick of Ohio, Senator T. C. Platt of New York and Representatives Morrell and Olmstead of Pennsylvania are still in the field, but there is practically little sentiment for any of the bills these men are supporting. Southern Democrats were feeling absolutely jubilant at the capitol today over the knockout which had been given to the scheme to cut down Democratic representation because of the suppression of the colored vote.

LAWSON IS AFTER BIG BULL LEADER

Friends of Keene Declare Attack by the Boston Man Means a Fight.

PRACTICALLY CHARGES FRAUD

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Thomas W. Lawson has aroused a new and great enemy in his fight on the Wall street system. He has recently attacked bitterly John D. Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers and others of the Standard Oil Company. Tonight he took action to stir the famous bull leader, James R. Keene, to intense resentment. In a sensational statement telegraphed from Boston tonight Lawson made declarations which the friends of Mr. Keene declared would awaken the lion in the famous stock market manipulator and give Lawson the battle of his life.

Lawson declares that he has proof in a "six-page long-hand personal note from the king of manipulators, James R. Keene, to me," that investors were swindled into buying $29,200,000 of Amalgamated Copper stock by means of "wash" sales, which he says were operated by Keene from Flower & Co.'s offices.

Practically the accusation of Lawson is that Keene aided in perpetrating a gigantic fraud on the public. After Lawson's message was received, in order to fully establish its accuracy, Lawson was called on the long-distance telephone at his home in Boston.

"Did you send this message?" he was asked, and it was read to him.

"I did," was the answer.

"Are you certain you have a six-page long-hand personal note from Mr. Keene that proves he 'washed' $29,200,000 of Amalgamated stock, selling it to the public as a result, from Flower & Co.'s offices?"

"I have the letter," was the reply. "I would like to give it to you for publication, but it is one of the nuggets of my story of 'Frenzied Finance,' and I don't want to spoil my own story."

DAUGHTER OF WEALTHY FARMER FOUND DEAD

Skull of West Virginia Girl Is Crushed and Her Throat Cut. Deed a Mystery.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 17.—With her throat cut and her skull crushed, the dead body of Miss Rose White was found on Crawley's creek, in Logan county, this morning. Splashes of blood were found on the snow. The girl had evidently fought desperately to save her life. Nearby lay a blood-stained knife. A stone weighing four or five pounds also lay near, and this being blood-stained, leads to the belief that it was first used to crush the girl's skull, and her assailant then used the knife.

The girl was about 18 and was the daughter of Harlan White, one of the wealthiest farmers on Crawley's creek, and among the most influential men of Logan county. The girl was first missed from her home at 7 o'clock last evening. The body was found a half-mile from the house by the side of a country road which at this season is seldom traveled. It is believed that some foreign peddler or peddlers may have taken the girl by force to the spot where her body was found and there murdered her. No young men had paid her attentions. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict that she was murdered by an unknown person or persons.

Prominent Young Man Found Dead.

WHEELING, W. VA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Max Tannebaum, a prominent young man, was found dead from poisoning, likely with suicidal intent, at his room in the Bellevue hotel tonight. Tannebaum's wife, to whom he was devotedly attached, died about a week ago.

Just Like Burning Money.

NEW CASTLE, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Just 144,000 eggs intended for the holiday trade were destroyed here at midnight by a fire in the storage house of J. W. Hartzell, a wholesale produce merchant. The fire was caused by an oil stove. Hartzell's loss is nearly $4,000, with $1,000 insurance.

OBEYS CHURCH BEFORE NATION

Senators Are Startled by Testimony in Reed Smoot Case.

DEFIES GOVERNMENT

Mormon Official Refuses to Produce Records of Marriage Ceremonies.

INTENSELY DRAMATIC SCENE

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Bold and somewhat defiantly, one of the very highest officers of the Mormon church today stunned and violently startled the dignified senate committee in the Smoot case by stating that as between allegiance to President Joseph F. Smith and the federal government he should obey the mandate of the former. In other words the adherents of the Mormon religion regard with more sacredness the canons of the church than the path of fidelity to the nation that protects them. Recorder Nicholson said so on the stand. So practically did the greatest philosopher and politician of them all—John Henry Smith; so did the editor of the Desert News, the man who receives direct from the hierarchy the official edicts of the prelates, priests and apostles of that class beyond the Rockies. The senators shuddered when Nicholson uttered his bold words. The witness was not alarmed apparently. Surely there was not a tremor passing through his frame as he testified.

Attorney Tayler for the prosecution asked Mr. Nicholson why he had refused to bring certain books pertaining to the marriage ceremony of the Mormons, as ordered by the senate subpoena.

"Because I did not want to," he said.

Even Smoot Was Perturbed.

"Do you mean to say that your allegiance to your church is superior to your nation?"

"If you put it that way," the witness said, "yes."

The hour was near noon and for some minutes previously Chairman Burrows had anxiously been looking at counsel in the hope of finding a sign that they were through until after the luncheon hour. But when Nicholson, in high-pitched voice, announced his Mormon fealty, Senator Burrows instantly changed countenance.

There was a furor in the chamber. The committeemen looked gravely at each other. Senator Smoot visibly was perturbed. The news of Nicholson's defiant attitude got to the corridors where dozens stood, anxious to get admittance, and there followed hurried footsteps toward the committee. Senator Pettus, aged and wrinkled in the service of his country, appeared as if he were willing to thrust the witness at once into a cell.

Of all those in the room, Nicholson was the least perturbed. It was a scene intensely dramatic. Nicholson's answers were in short, quick, nervous sentences. He did not qualify them. They were as they lay. He, being the chief keeper of the marriage records, was instructed to bring to Washington all his books. He brought one. That is an inoffensive document relating to marriages only that have been solemnized by virtue of legal licenses issued by the state authorities of Utah.

Would Disregard the Government.

There were other books, he said, containing records of marriages that had taken place outside the state—outside the jurisdiction of Presidnt Smith's zion. Chairman Burrows wanted them. The desire of the committee was and is to prove that there are more than one set of books at the temple. One is for the inspectors of the government. The others, how many is not know, are for the church officers.

"Suppose the committee should send you back to Utah with an order for those additional documents, what would you do?" Attorney Tayler asked of Nicholson.

"Show the order to President Smith and if he told me to disregard it I should do so."

"And if the senate should send an officer to arrest you, if you did not produce the books, you would willingly go to prison?"

"I would."

"That will do," replied the attorney. It was then that the committee took a recess. The members adjourned to their private rooms. There was some talk of having him arrested. But that idea is abandoned. Nicholson went out to luncheon alone. As he passed to the elevator, going through a throng of men and women, they seemed to step aside that their garments might not come in contact with his.

May Decide Smoot's Fate.

The testimony is on record. It is a point the senate has been trying to make, that is, that the Mormons still were holding their oath to the church superior to their citizenship.

For a long time it was proved; it now is official. When the senate as a body receives the mass of documentary evidence that part of it will stand out bold and black. And it may be the deciding wedge against Smoot. He is an apostle.

By the editor of the official organ, the Desert News, it was later shown that no one of the 12 apostles supposedly holds his office without having been immersed in the waters of the fountains at the temple; to have received the strange oaths, to have bended their knees to the priests when even their allegiance to the federal states were in jeopardy, defying them, knowing them not when apostles said deny them. It was all so strange, so inharmonious to the senators, accustomed to hear the praises of the flag, that they gasped.

William Budge, who by his own story is the Warwick of Republican politics in Idaho, told of his allegiance to his church. There were other witnesses that talked politics.

MRS. CHADWICK BACK TO CELL

Pleaded Not Guilty When Arraigned With Two Oberlin Bankers.

NO BAIL OFFERED

Beckwith and Spear Furnish Increased Bonds for Their Appearance.

SON'S UNSWERVING DEVOTION

SPECIAL TELEGRAM FROM
JOHN P. COWAN, Staff Correspondent.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.—New mysteries, new climaxes, emotional scenes and pathetic incidents are being added to the glamor of the Chadwick case. Today the deposed "queen of finance" tottered into the federal court, and sitting between President Beckwith and Cashier Spear of the Oberlin bank, pleaded "not guilty" to five indictments. At the same time she refused to make application for bail and was taken back to prison, where she will be kept in custody until the February term of court, unless she welcomes a bondsman.

While Mrs. Chadwick was being led to her cell with its comfortable couch and its decorations of fragrant roses her 19-year-old son, Emil Hoover, sat in the office of the jail with his back to the blazing coal fire and his eyes fixed on the snow flurries that played in front of a dreary courtyard window. All day long he had been there and seemed to be counting the flakes that were carried past the window by the wintry gale that swept up from the lake. With searching glances he watched every person that entered the office, and when some idler made a joking remark about Mrs. Chadwick his face would flush and his thin lips turn pale with anger.

Has a Devoted Son.

Emil had been refused admittance to his mother's cell, now he wanted to send her a note. The bailiff refused in tones that brought again the red glow to the lad's cheeks.

"No, you've received too many concessions already," said the jailer.

"Just a note," pleaded the boy, but the bailiff had hurried on through the long corridor, leaving young Hoover to gaze at the unsympathetic scenes out of the window.

At noon Mrs. Chadwick was brought down to the corridor between two marshals on her way to the courtroom. When she entered through the barred door Emil threw his arms about her neck and conversed with her in low tones. Through the long afternoon he remained at his post before the fireplace. His devotion to his mother is one feature of the case which the world has overlooked, and besides the manifold crimes which have been attributed to the mother, the filial virtues of the son are doubly conspicuous.

When Mrs. Chadwick was sued in New York, Emil left his school in Rhode Island and joined her at once. He has since been with her almost constantly, and when he was barred from the jail this morning tears glistened in his eyes.

Jail Is Different from Home.

"Where were you when your mother was in the Ohio penitentiary?" the boy was asked this afternoon. He shook his head, but made no reply.

"Then you don't believe that she and Mme. De Vere are the same person?"

"Would any fellow believe that about his mother?" came the quick retort. "I don't believe it; I would not believe it."

There was a long pause. Emil watched the shadows from the flickering fire as they played upon the hearth at his feet. He breathed heavily and seemed to be debating with himself.

"I love my mother," he said at length and walked slowly to the window. "She is very ill. Her nervousness is caused by the rigorous treatment she receives here. At home and in her apartments she enjoyed every luxury that a woman of refinement and fastidious tastes would desire. A masseuse called upon her almost every day and gave mother treatment; she had her own maid and hairdresser, and of course when she is left without these it adds to her worries.

"She has had much trouble with intruding newspapermen. While in New York she refused to see reporters, but one day a stranger came up to her suite and walked all through her rooms. He said he was an upholsterer and was inspecting the hotel furniture. He talked with mother and we afterward learned that he was a reporter.

Not All Are Hostile.

"But not everybody is hostile to dear mother. Freida, her maid, received a call from her minister and he told her to be a brave girl and to continue her service. He said if she would be faithful that she would be rewarded in heaven. Some people have sent her lovely flowers and other little tokens.

"In mother's mail today there was a letter from a well-known politician (I will not tell his name), who told her to confess that she had borrowed $250,000 from him and had returned the money with interest. This he said would help him out in his forthcoming campaign for congress."

The federal authorities in holding the arraignment of Mrs. Chadwick, Banker Beckwith and Cashier Spear today stole a march on curious sightseers who had been looking forward to a big spectacular feast next Tuesday, the day announced for the hearing. The courtroom is small and the desire to witness the examination was so great that requests had been made to arraign the trio of defendants in the big hall of the armory building in order that spectators could be accommodated.

Judge Wing of the United States circuit court, however, decided that he would not officiate as stage manager for the Chadwick show and advised a prompt hearing. Beckwith and Spear were arrested on a capias and brought over from Oberlin this morning and Mrs. Chadwick was told to

prepare to go to court shortly after noon.

"I am too ill for that ordeal," she said. "I cannot go."

"What does her physician say?" asked District Attorney Sullivan.

"He says there is nothing about her condition that would prevent her going," said a bailiff.

A carriage was brought around to the rear entrance of the jail and two United States marshals led the woman down the icy steps. The drive to the federal building occupied scarcely two minutes and the defendant was hustled up the elevator before the crowd in the street realized what had taken place. A few attorneys and newspapermen and three woman stenographers were the only spectators.

Beckwith and Spear sat at a table and a chair between them was reserved for Mrs. Chadwick. The woman entered the court leaning heavily on the arms of her custodians. A heavy brown veil looped up from a heavy winter hat was not sufficient to obscure the perennial flash of her now famous eyes. She wore a long fur-trimmed cloak of brown and the whole costume was one that would attract instant attention. She did not exchange glances with Beckwith and turned her back on the youthful Spear. She sank into a chair and instinctively placed her hand over her mouth. In this she had not been quick enough, and several men in the courtroom exclaimed: "That's certainly Madame De Vere."

May Change Her Plea.

Her attorney, Jay P. Dawley, is a little man with a cane, and next to Mrs. Chadwick was the most picturesque figure in the room. Before Attorney Sullivan could finish reading the indictments, Dawley rose up and said that while his client would plead not guilty he desired the right to change this plea at any future time. He said that for the present he would not ask the fixing of a bail bond. Judge Wing fixed the bonds of Beckwith and Spear at $25,000 each, an additional $15,000 on the indictments. Both men furnished the increased bail.

This ended the proceedings and Mrs. Chadwick was hustled out just as speedily as she was brought in. Beckwith and Spear lingered a few minutes and departed together. Attorney Sullivan stated that the case would not be tried before February. Attorney Dawley's request for the privilege of changing the plea to guilty has set everybody to guessing. Dawley is regarded as one of the shrewdest criminal lawyers in Ohio, and this move will be watched with interest.

Proceedings Puzzled the Woman.

M. A. Lander and George E. Collins signed the bond for Spear and J. G. W. Cowles and A. J. Gilchrist for Beckwith. The bonds were approved.

The nature of the proceedings was a puzzle to Mrs. Chadwick. The affair had been so hastily arranged that she had no previous knowledge of it, and had no idea what it meant. When the judge left the bench she turned to Mr. Dawley and asked:

"What does it mean? Why was I brought here?

"It is just a formality," replied Mr. Dawley, "and fixes, for the time being, your standing before the court. There is nothing in it that affects the issue of the trial one way or another."

This was an evident relief to Mrs. Chadwick, and she rose to leave the room in a manner considerably more energetic than that in which she had entered it.

After leaving the court room Mrs. Chadwick found that her carriage was not waiting for her. To avoid being stared at by the people in the hallway, Mrs. Chadwick asked to be taken where there was no crowd and the deputies led her back to the elevator, which was run to the second floor. There she remained till the carriage was procured.

Fainted Several Times.

On reaching the jail Mrs. Chadwick was perceptibly weaker than when she had started for the court. She hesitated at almost every step and several times fainted after she reached her cell. When she had reached her quarters in the jail Dr. Wall again examined Mrs. Chadwick and found her condition as good as could be expected.

Mrs. Chadwick requested that medicine brought from New York be sent to her. It is in the possession of Jailer Eggers, and Dr. Wall ordered that it be not given her. He said she was under his treatment and that while the drugs may be perfectly harmless, he, nevertheless, was unacquainted with the prescription and did not care to have her take the medicine.

Mr. Dawley was asked this evening if he intended to have his client plead guilty at some later time.

"My request did not mean that," he replied. "I simply wanted the privilege and that was the time to ask for it. It meant nothing except that I want as many privileges on my side as I can obtain."

DR. CHADWICK RESENTS INQUIRIES ABOUT WIFE

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick of Cleveland is still here. He resents further inquiries concerning the case of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick or his connection with it. He spends much time at the French branch of the Young Men's Christian association, following the case in the American papers.

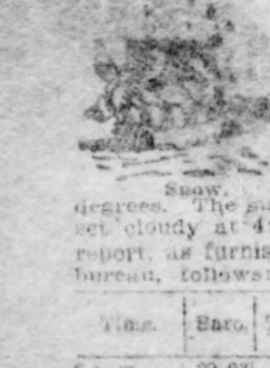
JUDGE E. H. HAMMOND DEAD.

Took Ill After Attending the McKinley Memorial Association Meeting in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Judge E. H. Hammond of the Federal district court at Memphis, died here today after an illness of four days with pneumonia.

Judge Hammond came to New York three weeks ago to attend a meeting of the McKinley Memorial association and decided to remain a few days for a visit with his daughter. He contracted a severe cold early in the week and Tuesday it developed into pneumonia. Judge Hammond was 66 years old. The body will be taken to Memphis for burial.

THE WEATHER



Snow.

Snow is promised for today, while fair and warmer is predicted for tomorrow for Pittsburgh and vicinity by the Washington observer. The maximum temperature yesterday was 37 and the minimum 21 degrees. The sun rose cloudy at 7:40 and set cloudy at 4:34 yesterday. The daily report, as furnished by the local weather bureau, follows:

Time.	Baro.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m....	29.93	27	67	N.E.	Cloudy
8 p. m....	29.82	33	90	N.W.	Snow

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 17:

	1904	1903		1904	1903
Maximum	37	22	Mean	29	18
Minimum	21	15	Precipitation .	.06	T.

Nor. temp. 31 yrs.. 33	Nor. precip. 31 yrs.. .09
Dfcy. for day...... 4	Dfcy. for day...... .03
Dfcy. since Dec. 1..140	Dfcy. since Dec. 1. .85
Dfcy. since Jan. 1..628	Dfcy. since Jan. 1..3.58

Official Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Forecast: Western Pennsylvania—Snow, followed by fair, Sunday. Monday, fair and warmer; fresh northwest to west winds.

Ohio—Fair Sunday, except snow on northeast lake shore. Monday, fair and warmer; fresh northwest winds, becoming south.

West Virginia—Fair Sunday, except snow in east portion. Monday, fair and warmer.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 p. m.:

St. Paul...	16	PtCldy	Cincinnati ..	30	Cloudy
Chicago ...	24	Cloudy	Parkersburg .	34	Cloudy
El Paso....	48	Clear	Louisville ...	32	Clear
Memphis ...	34	Cloudy	Des Moines..	18	Cloudy
Omaha	26	Cloudy	Kansas City.	28	Clear
Duluth	16	Cloudy	Washington .	30	Snow
Denver	30	Cloudy	Philadelphia	26	Snow
Santa Fe...	20	Clear	New York...	28	Snow
Salt Lake..	36	Cloudy	San Antonio.	54	Clear
Pueblo	30	Cloudy	New Orleans.	46	Clear

BISHOP PHELAN CRITICALLY ILL

Suffered Severe Sinking Spell, Which Left Him in a Semi-Conscious Condition.

LAST RITES ARE ADMINISTERED

The Rt. Rev. Richard Phelan, the venerable head of the Pittsburgh diocese of the Roman Catholic church, is critically ill at St. Paul's orphan asylum in Idlewood. Bishop Phelan will be 77 years old on New Year's day, and his illness is due to his advanced age. His physicians and attendants have almost given up hope for his recovery. The last rites of the church have been administered. The Rev. Father Lynch performed the ceremony Thursday night.

Bishop Phelan has been in failing health for some time and in July, 1903, he retired to the orphan asylum, after turning over the duties of his office in the diocese to his coadjutor, the Rt. Rev. J. F. Regis Canevin. Three days ago the bishop suffered a severe sinking spell and yesterday he was in a semi-conscious state. He is under the care of Drs. Foster and DeMuth of Crafton. The physicians yesterday stated that the bishop may rally, but gave out little hope for any permanent benefit.

The Rev. Father Michael Lynch, manager of St. Paul's orphan asylum, late last night stated that there was no fear that the bishop would pass away during the night, but his heart is in such a weakened condition that it is impossible to tell just when it may cease to beat. Father Lynch said the attending physicians have done all that is possible for the aged bishop, and although neither remained with him during the night, they are within telephone call in case of emergency.

Bishop Phelan has suffered for years from rheumatism, and this, in addition to the arduous duties which devolve on the head of a Catholic diocese, has greatly impaired his strength. Although a powerful man physically, Bishop Phelan felt that he was no longer able to minister to the diocese in the capacity of bishop, even after the diocese of Altoona was cut off from the Pittsburgh diocese, and in April, 1902, he called the clergy of the diocese together with instructions to select one of their number for the office of coadjutor bishop. The recommendation of the clergy was sent to Rome and in August the Most Rev. P. J. Ryan, archbishop of Philadelphia, and his suffragans were instructed to meet and take action on the appointment of a coadjutor. The result of this meeting was the appointment of Bishop Canevin as coadjutor and he was consecrated in February, 1903, and assumed the duties of his office. In addition, Bishop Phelan appointed him vicar general of the diocese, on the resignation of the Very Rev. Father E. A. Bush, rector of St. Peter's church, Allegheny, who gave up the office and rectorship because of ill health.

In the July following Bishop Phelan retired to the orphan asylum in the hope that his health would be benefited by a quiet vacation in the country. He has since suffered several severe spells of illness, but always rallied, and on May 24 last, in the presence of many high churchmen and members of the laity, he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Since then he has been living quietly at the orphan asylum, his chief interest being the erection of the handsome new cathedral in Bellefield.

A NAPOLEONIC MARRIAGE.

Coming French Wedding Will Unite Two Old Families—Society Is Interested.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(Special Cable.)—In some families marriage is contagious. It would appear to be so, for instance, in that of Prince Amedee de Broglie. At the beginning of the year his eldest son was married to Mlle. d'Hurcourt; the marriage of his daughter to the Comte de Lubersac is arranged for December 22, and now the rumor is current in fashionable circles that the second son, Jacques, is engaged to one of the daughters of the Prince de Wagram. This alliance between two families, one of which belongs to the very oldest aristocracy, and the other to the most notable of the Napoleonic nobility, is regarded as particularly fortunate at a time when there is a general loosening of so many of the social bonds in France.

Thanks to this young prince and princess the gulf which has heretofore divided the old and the new aristocracy has been bridged, though it is very unlikely, of course, that either of the young couple took this fact into their consideration for a moment. But to the world at large such considerations are the chief element of interest.

FRENCH TRAINMEN CONVICTED

Men Found Responsible for an Awful Accident Receive Servere Punishment.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The criminal court of the Seine today convicted the four trainmen who were responsible for the catastrophe on the Metropolitan electric underground railroad in August, 1903, resulting in the loss of 65 lives.

Conductor Jouffrey, who was in charge of the train, was sentenced to a month in prison and $400 fine. Renaud, superintendent of the depot, whose lack of calmness precipitated the panic, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment and $400 fine. Chauvin and Cavayle, motormen, were let off with fines of $600 and $400 respectively, as they suffered permanent injuries.

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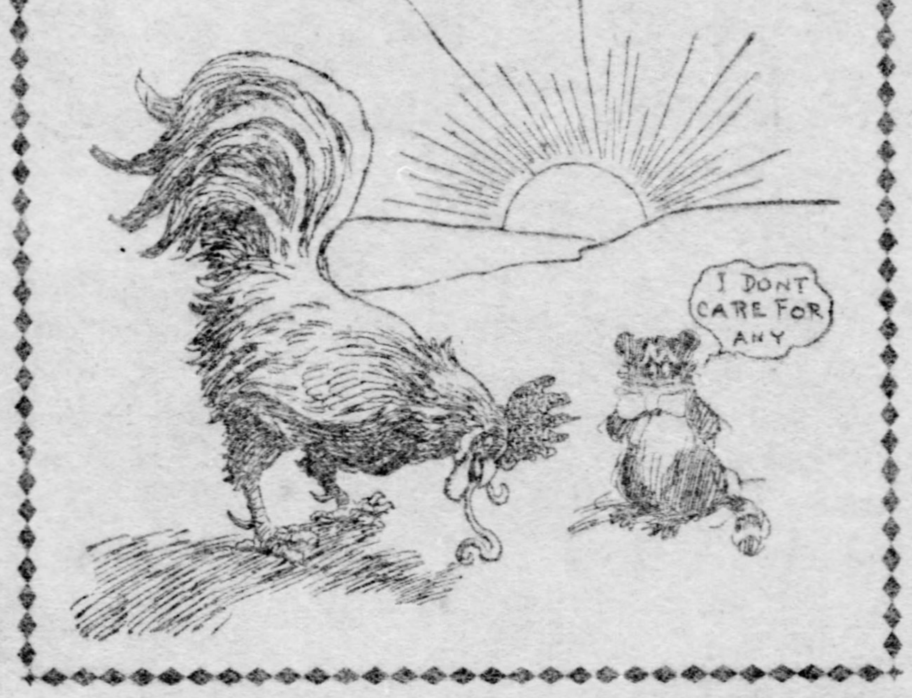

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WANTS TO GIVE AWAY DIXIE STATE'S BONDS

Philadelphia Man Offers Worthless Paper of Southern Commonwealth as a Gift to State of Iowa.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

SIOUX CITY, IA., Dec. 17.—John James of Philadelphia, in a letter to Gov. Cummins of Iowa, says he is willing to donate to this commonwealth 10 bonds of $1,000 each, of a southern state—not named—if Iowa wants them.

James says he has owned the bonds many years, that the interest has been repudiated for 30 years, that a private citizen cannot sustain suit to collect them, but that, as one state can sue another, the state of Iowa could bring suit and collect the amount. He adds the accrued interest amounts to 196 per cent. No official answer has been made.

STARTED BY CHICAGO MEN.

They Are Responsible for Big Religious Revivals in England and Wales.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The great religious revivals in England and Wales were really started by the Rev. Reuben A. Torrey and Charles M. Alexander of Chicago, the first meeting being held at Bolton, Lancashire, on September 4.

The Rev. Mr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander are active men and they announce an invasion of London. They have taken the Royal Albert hall, which seats 15,000 persons, and there they will conduct a series of meetings, probably at the same time that Evan Roberts, the Welsh evangelist, is here.

ANOTHER BURNING CRAFT.

Schooner Clara Goodwin, from Portland, Me., for Tampa, Sighted Afire No One Is on Board.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—The cruiser Topeka, which passed in Cape Henry, Va., 7 o'clock this morning reports that the schooner Clara Goodwin, from Port Tampa for Philadelphia was afire off Diamond Shoals. No one was aboard.

PORTLAND, ME., Dec. 17.—The schooner Clara Goodwin, which was seen burning off Diamond Shoal, hails from this port.

She was owned by J. S. Winslow & Co. of this city. Captain P. J. Ostman of Portland was in command and a crew of eight men were shipped here September 23 as follows: E. S. McIntyre, mate; J. Smith, engineer; H. Seaford, cook; Oscar Oleson, W. B. Clark, Welland Waltrous, Felix Wydell and A. G. Clesen, seamen.

CZAR WILL DODGE ISSUE.

Imperial Ukase is Not Expected to Meet the Situation Raised by the Zemstvoists.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—It now seems certain that Monday's imperial ukase will be of secondary importance, not meeting the main issue raised by the zemstvoists. Nevertheless the Social-Democratic party has declared it will not participate in the projected demonstration on that day, considering the occasion inopportune and preferring to make extensive preparations for a big demonstration later.

Russian Truth, a Russian newspaper just started, has received a first warning for the publication of articles "of an injurious tendency."

TOGO NOW PREPARES TO MEET ROJESTVENSKY

CHEFOO, Dec. 17.—(Special Cable.)—Nearly all of Togo's armored vessels have been withdrawn from the Port Arthur blockading fleet, and have been sent to Sasebo and other home stations to be overhauled and fitted for the work of meeting Rojestvensky. This is not to be taken as indicating there is to be any slackening in the blockade, but this can be attended to now by the smaller cruisers and torpedo craft.

CONSULTED MR. DALZELL ON PHILIPPINE TARIFF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Taft today had a long talk at the war department with Chairman Payne of the house committee on ways and means and Representative Dalzell, the next ranking member of that committee, relative to tariff legislation for the Philippines. The discussion was informal and no conclusion was reported.

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THREE PERSONS KILLED, TWO FATALLY INJURED

Disastrous Fire Is Caused in a Brooklyn Residence by the Explosion of an Oil Stove.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Three persons were killed and several injured, two fatally, in a fire in a three-story brick residence in Williamsburg section of Brooklyn today.

The dead are Aline Swinson, Arden Reynolds, aged 40, and Charles Lincoln Painter, 2 years.

The fatally injured are Isaac Smith, aged 60, and Charles F. Reynolds, who jumped from a third-story window.

The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil stove. Most of those who lost their lives were caught in the upper stories of the building, from which there were no fire escapes.

STREET SCENE IN WINDOW.

Realistic Effect Produced of Outdoor Life as We Know It.

A unique window display is being shown in one of the Penn avenue windows of Pickering's furniture store. A typical street scene is depicted, in the background of which is a fruit stand presided over by the customary Italian.

To add realism, a newsboy paces in front of the stand carrying copies of The Gazette, while a billboard bearing theatrical posters and weather bulletin of The Gazette, is also shown. To make the scene true to life, the newsy watches every opportunity to "swipe" fruit from the stand when the Italian has his back turned and whenever he is detected the usual fisticuff combat results.

SHE ASKS PARTICULARS.

Buffalo Bill's Wife Demands Specific Statement of the Charges He Makes Against Her.

SHERIDAN, WYO., Dec. 17.—Counsel for Mrs. William F. Cody today filed a motion requiring her husband, who seeks divorce, to so amend his petition as to name the specific instances of occurrance of the alleged indignities on the plaintiff by Mrs. Cody.

She asks that dates of these be named, what times plaintiff's friends were refused admission to the Cody home by her, and what time Col. Cody's friends were driven from their home by her. She also asks that her alleged conduct at the time of their daughter's death be stricken from the record.

John Denny Found Dead.

BUTLER, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—John Denny of Winfield township was found dead in bed this morning by his wife, who had slept by his side during the night. The deceased was born in Winfield township and was the last surviving member of the family of the late Capt. James Denny. With his brothers he was for many years proprietor of the Denny mills. He was 83 years old and leaves no children.

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived, December 17.

Naples—Nord America, from New York.
Trieste—Carpathia, from New York (via Naples).
Genoa—Lombardia, from New York.

Sailed, December 17.

New York—New York, for Southampton (via Plymouth and Cherbourg).
Glasgow—Numidian, for New York; Ontario, for Portland.
Genoa—Canopic, for Boston.
Liverpool—Cevic, for New York; Winifredian, for Boston; Campania, for New York.
Antwerp—Vaderland, for New York.
Cherbourg—Deutschland (from Hamburg and Dover), for New York.
Copenhagen—Oscar II., for New York.

Passed, December 17.

St. Michaels—Neckar, from New York, for Naples.
Kinsale—Sylvania, from Boston, for Liverpool.
Cherbourg—St. Louis, from Southampton, for New York.
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PURE FOOD LAWS TO BE ENFORCED

Numerous Prosecutions Brought in Pittsburgh and Vicinity Against Alleged Violators.

PROTECTING SAUSAGE EATERS

The dairy and food division of the state department of agriculture has started in on a crusade locally against violators of the pure food law and unlicensed dealers in oleomargarine and sellers of oleomargarine sold as butter or of the same substance colored to resemble butter. Informations in large number have been made recently against butchers and grocers in Pittsburgh, Allegheny, McKeesport and several boroughs in the county.

The informations were made by H. L. Banzhoff, agent of the department, before Alderman John Groetzinger. The agent says many more informations are to follow. In several instances the defendants came forward and paid their fines of $50 and costs each without waiting for a hearing.

Agent Banzhoff says that Dr. B. H. Warren, state dairy and food commissioner, is determined to prosecute a vigorous campaign against violators of the law, because of the nature of the adulterants used in the food products that have come under the ban of the state dairy and food division.

Criminal informations were made against the following named butchers and merchants, charged with selling pork sausage containing a deleterious substance:

T. B. McConaughy, 309 Broadway, McKees Rocks; H. A. Miller, Wilkinsburg; August Franklin, 659 Fifth avenue, McKeesport; A. H. Engeman, McKees Rocks; A. A. Apple, 623 Braddock avenue, Braddock; McCutcheon Bros., Stand No. 80, Allegheny market; C. W. Bortz, Center and Second streets, Aspinwall; H. Dulaney, 304 Braddock avenue, Braddock; George Smoley, 2240 Beaver avenue, Allegheny; Frank Ferraro, 3121 Main street, Sharpsburg; Fred Roos, 915 Beaver avenue, Allegheny; N. F. Glauser, 512 Island avenue, McKees Rocks; M. Sausage, 2238 Beaver avenue, Allegheny; Benjamin Schwartz, 1134 Braddock avenue, Braddock; George Witmer, 609 Preble avenue, Allegheny; J. A. Mason, 207 Grant street; C. H. Stimple, 2602 Perrysville avenue, Allegheny; Albert Witmer, 507 Preble avenue, Allegheny; Michael Nauman, 414 River avenue, Esplen; Christ Wagner, Knoxville; William Smith, Pittsburgh market; H. C. Brahm and E. A. Brahm, John Mengle, C. Daitrich & Son, William Mall, all of the Pittsburgh market.

Informations were made in these cases on November 29. December 8 was the date fixed for hearings. They were continued to December 19. Several of the foregoing paid their fines without waiting for a hearing. Where this occurred the amount was $50 and costs in each instance. Criminal informations also were made against the following merchants for selling oleomargarine, colored like butter: Owen McCann, 401 Market street; S. A. McCutcheon, 436 Market street; A. Appel, Jr., stand No. 41, South Side market, and J. J. Rungee, 185 Liberty market, Pittsburgh. In the latter cases informations were lodged last Friday.

In the case of the following defendants informations were made Friday for selling oleo without a license: T. A. Giles, 851 East Ohio street, Allegheny; Gus Kant, McKeesport; S. Childs, 2211 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh; Pennsylvania Butter Company, stand No. 14 Diamond market, Pittsburgh; C. J. Glass, 2215 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh.

Criminal informations for selling renovated butter without license were made against John Zimmer, stand No. 86, Allegheny market, and Elizabeth Dye, 2102 Carson street, Pittsburgh.

DODGE CASE WILL MAKE A SENSATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Charles F. Dodge left Houston, Tex., today on his way to New York to become a witness for the state in the famous Morse-Dodge tangle. "The trial of Dodge," said Assistant District Attorney Garland today, "will develop one of the greatest sensations ever known in the courts of this city."

Druggist Miller Is Fined.

BUTLER, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A. V. Miller, a prominent druggist of Eau Claire and a trustee and treasurer of Eau Claire academy, pleaded guilty to a charge of selling liquor without license. On account of his age, 69, Judge Galbreath this afternoon suspended sentence of imprisonment on Miller paying the costs and a fine of $500.

SQUIRREL HILL POLICE STATION

Director Moore Proposes to Build It and Engine House Together.

WILL APPOINT 25 MORE MEN

Director Moore proposes to establish a police station in the Twenty-second ward, and he will also probably cull a new police district out of the East End and Oakland districts. The director announced yesterday the new station, which will be No. 9, will be built jointly with the new engine house, which the Twenty-second ward is to have, and for which an ordinance was passed by councils last week.

This ordinance provides for the appropriation of $50,000 for the erection of an engine house in the Twenty-second ward. This sum is $10,000 more than was asked at the beginning of the present year by the Twenty-second ward representatives, but Director Moore said yesterday the excess would be applied to the new police station. He thinks $10,000 will be sufficient, or nearly so, if the police station and engine house are in the same building.

Director Moore talks of forming a new police district out of the East End and Oakland districts because he claims the districts are now too extensive. He said in addition to the police force now employed in the territory of the proposed new district there are to be added 25 patrolmen. He said he had been authorized by councils at the beginning of the present year to employ 50 additional patrolmen, but councils had appropriated only enough money to pay 25 additional men. He says there are 25 more positions to fill and he will ask councils for an increase to put the 25 men on the force next year. Councils have also just passed an ordinance authorizing the employment of an additional captain and two lieutenants, who will probably be assigned to the new district.

The fire service, as well as the police service, is to be greatly extended next year if the director can obtain the necessary money in the appropriation bills soon to be drawn. An ordinance is pending providing for another assistant fire chief. He will be placed in the East End, a new fire district to be formed out of Assistant Chief Coates' district, which extends over Lawrenceville and the East End. Director Moore also said yesterday he would ask councils for several other engine houses. One of the new houses is to be in the Eighteenth ward, another at Water and Short streets and First avenue.

Director Moore has completed his estimates of the amounts necessary to conduct his department next year and these will be sent to the mayor tomorrow. Provision for the additions to the fire and police service, mentioned above, are contained in his estimates.

GOOD TIME IS COMING.

Edgar Thomson Plant Expected to Break Production Records During the Coming Year.

General Superintendent Charles E. Dinkey of the Edgar Thomson steel works and blast furnaces, announced yesterday to his department heads that next year would be the busiest in the history of the Carnegie Steel Company, and he instructed the men to get their departments into such shape that the Edgar Thomson plant could turn out more product than ever before. He said the 11 stacks of the blast furnaces would be taxed to their utmost capacity. The employes will get off for Christmas day and for New Year's day, but the usual holiday shutdown will have to be foregone this year.

FIRE DRILL SAVED LIVES OF 1,500 CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Fifteen hundred children of all ages were aroused from sleep by an alarm of fire in the Hebrew Orphan asylum in Amsterdam avenue before daylight today, and marched in safety from the building, performing their fire drill precisely as they had been trained.

Where Shall I Buy a Piano?

Pittsburgh, December 17.—Few people realize the importance in the selection of a piano for their home. It means a companion for a lifetime. If it becomes harsh and "tinpanny" in tone you will always be dissatisfied. If you select a world-renowned make like the genuine Chickering or the old reliable Hardman or Kroeger pianos you are sure to have a standard make, with a sweet, singing, poetic and mellow tone that will last a lifetime. These pianos are sold only by W. F. Frederick, the reliable piano dealer, 633 Smithfield street; also 10 other reliable makes. Our reasonable prices and easy terms, if wanted, make piano buying easy at this store. Art catalogue free. Entire building. Remember the genuine Chickering, Hardman, Strich & Zeidler, W. F. Frederick, Kroeger, McPhail, Schubert, Haines Bros., Price & Teeple and Kingsbury pianos and Chase & Baker and Hardman piano players are sold only by W. F. Frederick, G. & W. Schroeder, Mgrs. Largest dealers between New York and Chicago. Open evenings till Christmas.

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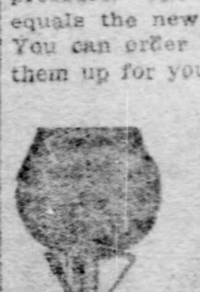

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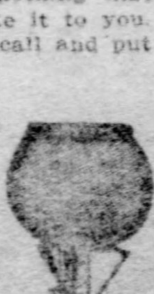

Cheerfulness

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We contracted during the summer for a large number of pianos deliverable for Holiday trade. Some manufacturers were slow in shipping, and we are now receiving carload lots of pianos and are becoming overstocked. A visit to our warerooms will demonstrate this. We have over 100 new, used and shopworn pianos in stock and more coming. The only way out of this dilemma is to cut prices away below real value to induce buyers to take our overplus. This we will do, and besides make extra easy payments to induce the selection of a piano for a holiday gift. Cut this out and come quick for choice. **Open evenings until Xmas.** Here are a few sample bargains in new, used and shopworn pianos:

$350	OPERA PIANO	$75
$500	KRANICH & BACH PIANO	$100
$400	HAINES PIANO	$135
$425	EMERSON PIANO	$145
$600	STEINWAY PIANO	$150
$400	FISCHER PIANO	$165
$400	WHEELOCK PIANO	$175
$450	CHICKERING PIANO	$200
$500	HARDMAN PIANO	$210
$500	KRAKAUER PIANO	$225
$350	CARLETON PIANO	$235
$375	SCHILLER PIANO	$250
$400	SCHAEFFER PIANO	$265
$550	KNABE PIANO	$300
$500	DECKER & SON PIANO	[illegible]
$550	HAZELTON BROS. PIANO	$450

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Absolutely Free Stieff's Christmas Gift OF A New $300.00 Upright Piano.

We will give a piano as a Christmas present to someone who doesn't own an upright piano.

An opportunity to get this piano only requires you to register your name and address at our store, 618 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, or, if you live out of the city, within a radius of 75 miles, mail us your name and address and we will register for you and send your number.

Only one member of a family permitted to register, and no one who has an upright piano in the family.

If you purchase a piano from us before December 24 and you should hold the duplicate number drawn, we will take back the piano you have bought, refund money paid and deliver gift piano. Remember, piano is absolutely free—only question asked, "Have you an upright piano in your home?" Fictitious names and addresses will not be considered.

Registration begins December 19, 9 a. m., and closes December 24, 9 p. m.

Come in, register your name and see the Piano. It costs you nothing. You may hold the lucky number.

Watch for further announcements.

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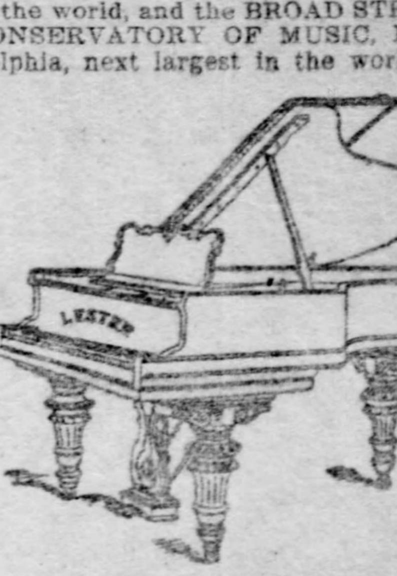

IT IS A FACT there are more Lester pianos sold in this state than any other high-grade instrument. We are the manufacturers and can save you from $50 to $100 in purchase of a fine piano.

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Open evenings until after Xmas.

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Diamond Rings and Studs, $4.75 and up.
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Solid Gold Signet Rings, $1.00 and up.
Elgin and Waltham 20-year Gold Filled Ladies' and Gents' Watches, $6.00 and up.
Mandolins, Guitars and Banjos, $1.65 and up.

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Furniture As a Gift Makes Glad the Entire Home Circle

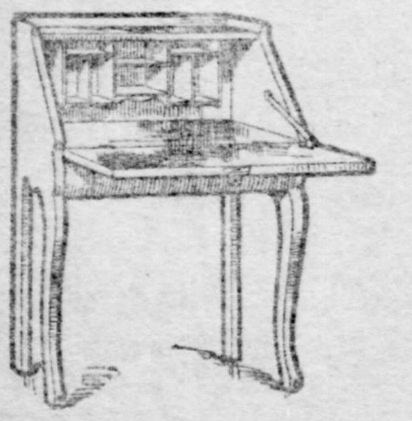
Lasts for Years to Tell of the Thoughtfulness of the Giver

Give to each according to the need. Almost every home needs some piece of Furniture—and need makes a gift doubly acceptable.

Our present displays of Gift-furniture is the broadest we ever made. Many articles that cost only a dollar or two; others run up into the very aristocracy of fine furniture. Many thousand pieces to select from, and one of the features of this year's Christmas stock is the unusual number of articles at $5 to $10, the most popular gift prices.

Our system of easy payments, extending through many months, makes Christmas-giving easy, and there's nothing extra to pay over the Plain Figure Marked Prices.

All prices in this store are subject to a discount of 10 per cent for cash, or within 30 days; 7½ per cent in 60 days; 5 per cent if you pay all in 90 days.



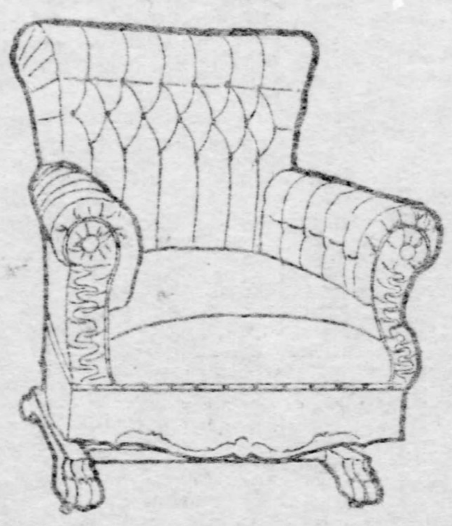
Desks,

$6.75 to $45.00

One of the best displays we have ever made. This desk is in quartered golden oak. Design exactly like illustration $6.75

$6.08 Cash, or 30 Days.

Leather Rockers and Easy Chairs



Leather Furniture is always a deservedly favorite gift, and here's an opportunity to give something better than you figured on. This store is the center for good and fine Leather Furniture, but there are three times the usual number of pieces in this special Christmas display, because we secured many at unusual price concessions and we'll pass them on to you the same way. Prices now $22.50 to $80.

This Platform Rocker is one example. The illustration tells you it is large and roomy. Covered with best leather. Made right in every way and instead of $45 it is priced $37.50

$33.75 Cash With Order, or in 30 Days.

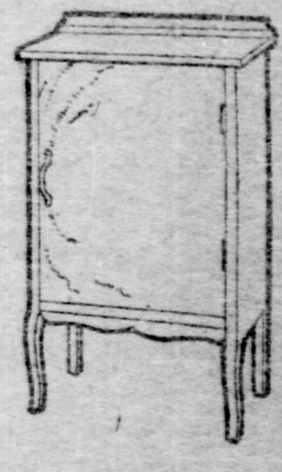
Music Cabinets

$7.75 to $35

Beautiful designs in all the popular woods. Made in many styles. A present for a musical friend.

This Music Cabinet in quartered golden oak. Shelves inside.......... $7.75

$6.97 Cash, or 30 Days.



Medicine Cabinets

Odd designs. Some have stained glass doors. Golden or Antwerp oak and enameled white. Twenty patterns.

$2 to $8.00

Bookcase with writing desk. Golden oak or mahogany finish. Roomy magazine cupboard French bevel mirror ... $18.50

$16.65 Cash or 30 Days.

Morris Reclining Chairs

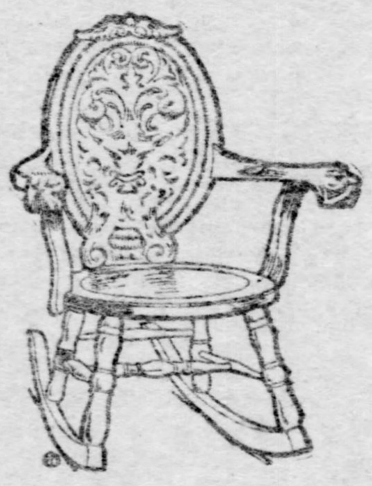
With Genuine Leather Cushions, $28 to $62.50

With Fabrikoid Cushions, $11.50 to $42.

With Velour Cushions, $7.50 to $30.

A present for father, husband or brother.

The most comfortable and restful chairs made.

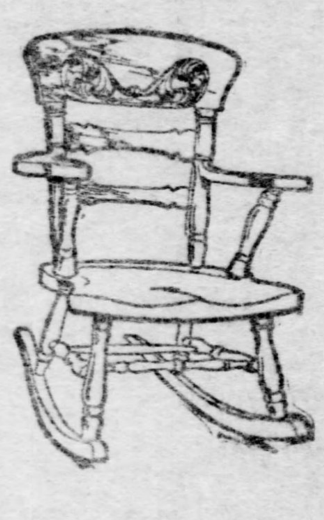


This Rocker, in Antwerp Oak, gives you a hint of our Old Dutch pieces. Deep carved back. Carved heads on arms. Instead of $17.50, it is now priced at $13.50

$12.15 Cash, or 30 Days.

MISSION CHAIRS AND ROCKERS

$7.50 to $30.



A splendid Parlor Rocker with low back. Hand carved. Cobbler or saddle seat. Mahogany finish or golden oak. Polished $4.50

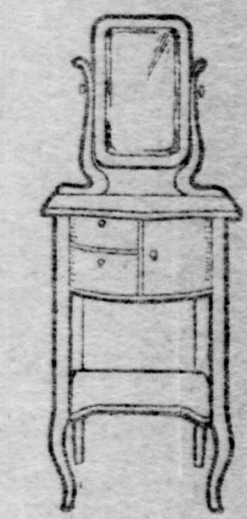
$4.05 Cash, or 30 Days.

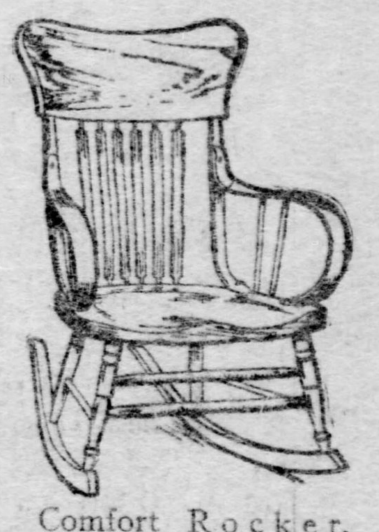
Shaving Stands

AT BARGAIN PRICES

Very high grade but only a small lot. $28 is the real value of the one illustrated. Genuine mahogany. Swell front. French bevel mirror. Only four of this pattern $20

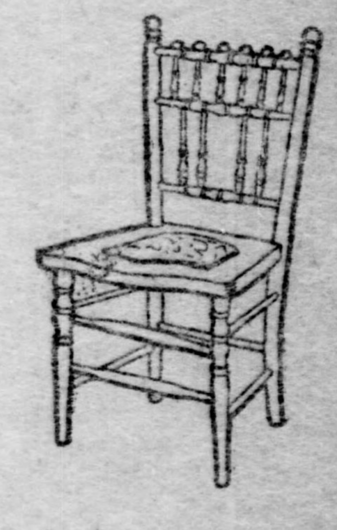
$18 Cash, or in 30 Days.

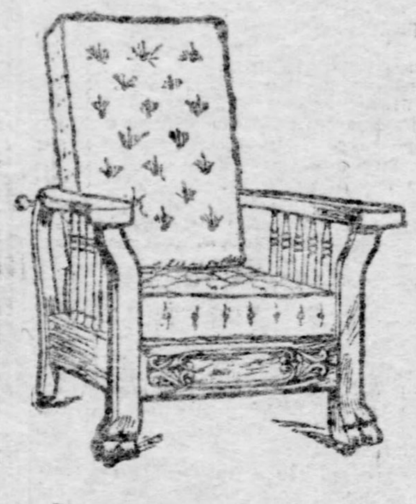




Comfort Rocker. Large seat and high back. Golden $2.25

$2.02 Cash.



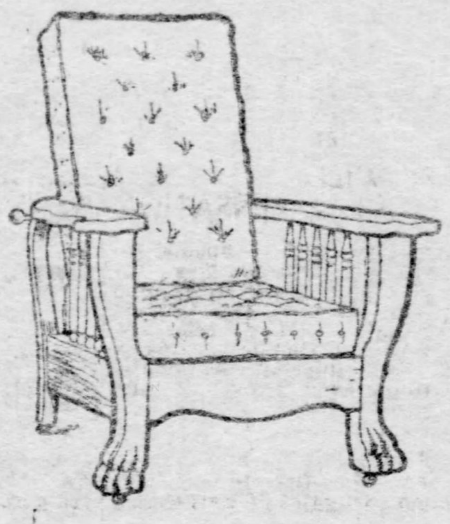


This Morris Reclining Chair, golden oak or mahogany finish frame. Reversible velour cushions. Brass ratchet back adjustment. Value $12.50 .... $7.50

$6.75 Cash, or 30 Days.

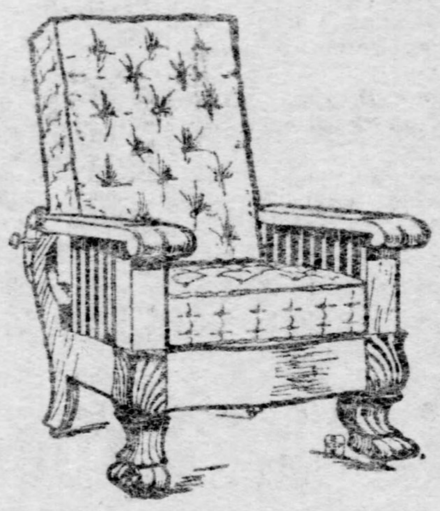
Something New

Morris Chairs with self adjusting back. Leather or fabrikoid cushions. They are worthy of your atention.



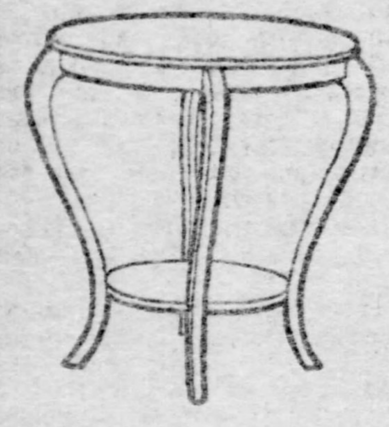
We show this Morris Reclining Chair in Antwerp oak, cushions covered with fabrikoid and in mahogany finish or golden oak, with velour cushions, in various colors. Spring seat. All cushions reversible $11.50

$10.35 Cash, or 30 Days.



This elegant Morris Reclining Chair. Frame in genuine mahogany or quartered golden oak, Spring seat. Thick reversible cushions. Brass ratchet back adjustment. Hand carved. $25

$22.50 Cash, or 30 Days.

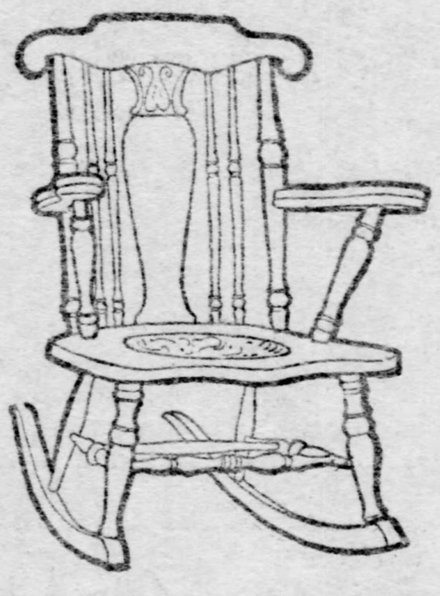


One of the many good values in stands at low prices. Round top and shelf. An inexpensive present $2.00

$1.80 Cash, or 30 Days.

MISSION SUITS FOR RECEPTION HALL OR PARLOR

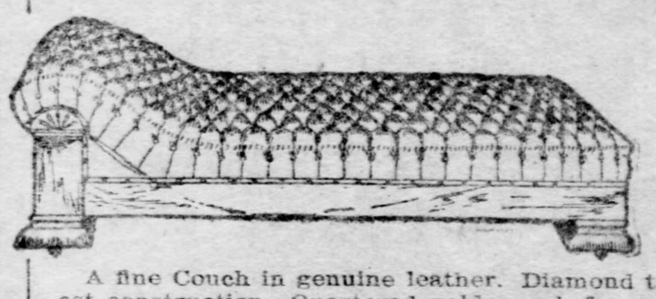
$42 to $80.



The best $5 Rocker obtainable. Golden oak or mahogany polish finish. Cobbler or Saddle seat................ $5

$4.50 Cash, or 30 Days.

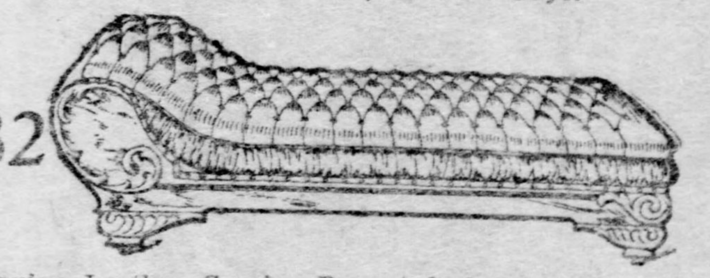
Genuine Leather and Fabrikoid Couches



$38

A fine Couch in genuine leather. Diamond tufted. Newest construction. Quartered golden oak frame.

$34.20 Cash With Order, or in 30 Days.



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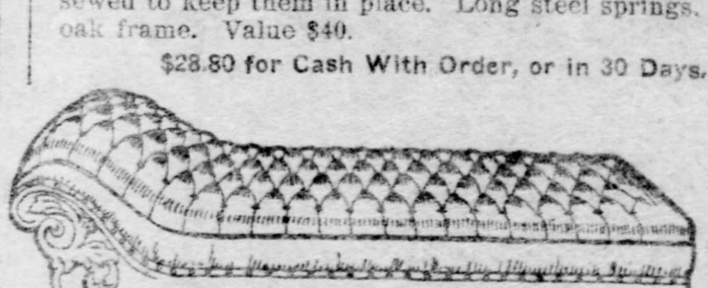
Genuine Leather Couch. Deep tufted top. All tufts sewed to keep them in place. Long steel springs. Golden oak frame. Value $40.

$28.80 for Cash With Order, or in 30 Days.



$19

Covering of this Couch is Fabrikoid—looks like and wears like leather. Diamond tufted. Golden oak frame. Value $21.50.

$17.10 Cash With Order, or in 30 Days.

Gold Chairs

Many odd shapes in Corner, Roman, Round and Straight Gold Chairs.

This all gold Chair with seat in silk damask, in various colors $4

$3.60 Cash.

A handsome mahogany Parlor Chair, Verona seat. Value $17.50 ..... $12

$10.80 Cash.

White and Gold Dinner Sets

SOLID GOLD HANDLES AND GOLD BANDS

$10

Beautiful white semi-porcelain ware from one of the noted potteries. 100 pieces. Gold stencil decoration in center of each plate and saucer. Gold bands. Solid gold handles. Positively worth $15.

$9 Cash, or in 30 Days.

I[illegible]d China Dinner Sets, $21 to $27.50.

[illegible]eral patterns in many beautiful decorations. Product of the [illegible] Austrian and German potteries—$18.90 to $24.75 cash or in [illegible] Days.

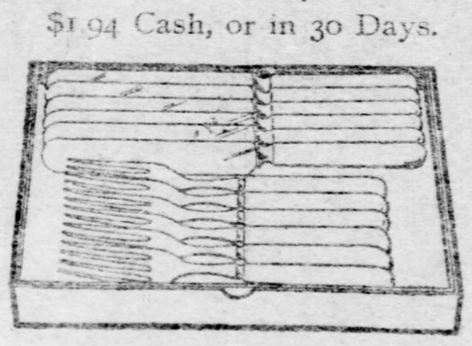
Haviland China Dinner Sets, $37.50 to $60.

Admirers of handsome china have a treat before them here this week. The season's richest decorations. Come see them, either as looker or buyr.

Rogers' 1847

6 Knives or 6 Forks......... $2.15

$1.94 Cash, or in 30 Days.



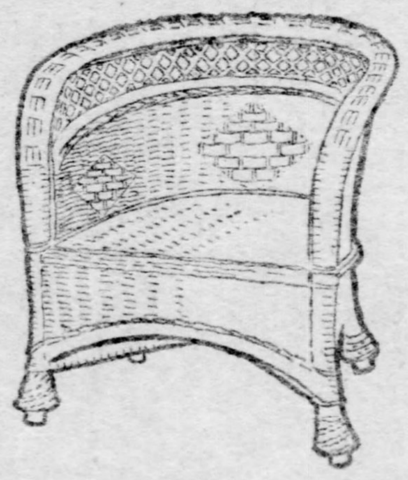
Standard grade 1847 and the regular medium size with round end handle. Everybody knows the grade and the usual price.

1847 Tea Spoons

Tipped pattern, set of 6, $1.35 on credit, $1.22 cash.

Embossed pattern, set of six, $1.65 on credit, $1.49 cash.

Table Spoons double these prices.



A big display of Prairie Grass pieces. Beautiful shapes. Olive in color. The chair illustrated is now priced at $11

$9.90 Cash, or 30 Days.

Toilet Sets

$4.25 on Credit

$3.83 Cash or 30 days.

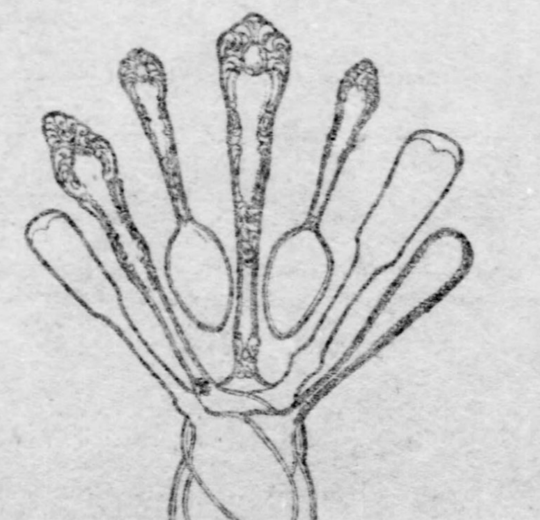
Decorated Toilet Sets worth and sell usually for a dollar more. A handsome shape. Blue, green, pink or brown decorations. Complete with large Slop Jar.

A lot of $12.50 Toilet Sets now $10.00.

A lot of $10.00 Toilet Sets now $ 8.50.

Rogers' Tea and Table Spoons

Not 1847 Brand



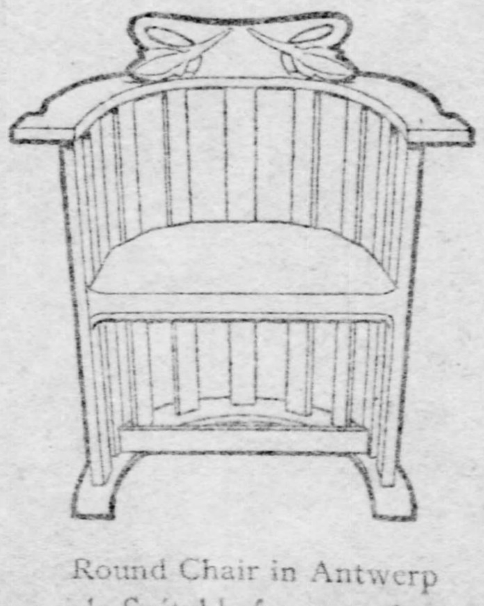
Beautiful embossed patterns like Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in illustration. Handsome enough for anybody's table. New designs. Years of service. Worth $1.25 and $2.50. Set of six.

Teas 85c — 77c Cash. Tables $1.70 — $1.53 Cash.

Rogers' Nickel Silver Spoons

Beaded pattern as shown in No. 7 in illustration. Solid nickel silver. You know how they wear. Set of six.

Teas 60c — 54c Cash. Tables $1.25 — $1.08 Cash.

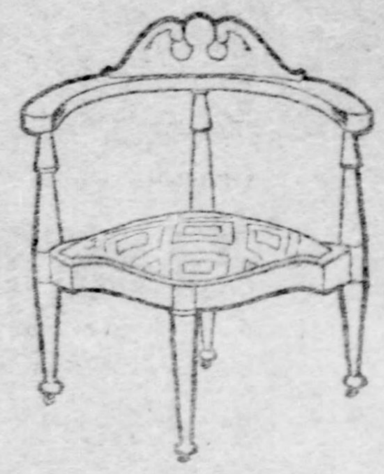


Round Chair in Antwerp oak. Suitable for reception hall or library, worth $12.50...... $10

$9.00 Cash, or 30 Days.

A beautiful Roman Chair in genuine mahogany. Hand carved. A $13.50 chair for..... $9.75

$8.77 Cash, or 30 Days.



Corner Chair with velour seat. Mahogany finish frame. Value $9.50 .... $6

$5.40 cash or 30 days

This Toilet Table is quartered golden oak. Choice oval or pattern French bevel mirror. Actual value $15 .... $9.75

$8.77 Cash, or 30 Days.

W. H. KEECH CO. Keech's Furniture Makes Happy Homes 923 to 931 Penn Ave.

NO BIG DEMAND FOR PEACE TOYS

Santa Claus Still Has Large Supply of Tin Soldiers and Warships.

SOME PATRIOTIC LESSONS

"If the world's peace is to be secured by teaching Young America to play with namby-pamby toys, it will be a long time before war's stern alarms are silenced," said the philosopher behind the Christmas counter.

He has just sold three sets of tin soldiers and was busy wrapping up a miniature warship. The Christmas rush of shoppers was on and the demand for playthings of a certain patriotic stamp made the dealer busy.

"Why you sell more 'peace toys' now, do you not?" asked a man with gray mustache.

"Not by a jugful," irreverently answered the man behind the counter. The other man grinned.

"Give me three khaki suits and three guns," said the purchaser. "I have three boys at home and they will feel slighted if Santa Claus does not bring them soldier suits."

"You'll teach them to glory in war and bloodshed and to put a low price upon human life," said a woman who was buying a mechanical goose.

No Sacrifice of Manliness.

"On the other hand I will teach them to be manly," said the man in the gray mustache, and the toy man concurred. "If I make my three boys manly fellows, I shall not try to do more. If they are manly fellows, they will be able to take care of themselves and at the same time have more than the ordinary respect for those who are weak. They will have the courage to meet those who are strong. It is the man who has the courage to meet an opponent and who has felt some of the sweet uses of adversity who best understands the true value of peace. No, sir: I shall not enlist my sons in the ranks of the peace advocates by preventing them from having the toys that they like best."

"The children of today will be the warriers or the loving brothers of tomorrow," declared the woman who bought the mechanical goose, "and how lovely it would be if all our children should grow up and forget all about war and its horrors."

"A patriotic crowd of kids we'd have," said the man behind the counter. "Forget all about war, forget all about the bravery of the men who marched out to meet the red coats at Lexington, and who defended Bunker Hill, do you say? Would you have them forget Paul Jones and Washington and Andrew Jackson? Would you have them forget Lincoln?"

"Washington was first in peace," began the woman with the mechanical goose.

"No, he was 'first in war' and then in peace," argued the toy man. "Of course nobody wants war, but this peace business won't have any telling effect upon the youngsters. The more they know about war, the more also they will appreciate the victories of peace."

This is the sort of controversy that is frequently to be heard around the toy counters since a vogue has been created for peace toys. Advocates of universal peace have asked that playthings with a suggestion of anything warlike should not be offered for sale. It is contended that no good will result in allowing children to play with tin soldiers or in maneuvering toy warships.

No Heed to Peace Advocates.

In Pittsburgh the injunction of the universal peace advocates has been given little heed. Dealers say that there is no change in the demands for the various kinds of toys, but since natty uniforms, toy guns and miniature warships are being offered at tempting prices, they are meeting a large sale.

"Practically the same kind of toys are sold every year with proportionate demand for the various implements for childish amusements," said a dealer last week. "Our great-grandfathers played with tin soldiers in front of the old wood fire and no doubt our great-grandchildren will find pleasure with the same sort of games. Tailors can set the styles of a coat or the cut of a pair of trousers, but nobody can dictate a child's play. You can't let a crowd of boys get any real enjoyment out of hide-and-seek if they want to play 'skin the cat.' We may give them peace toys and forbid their wearing soldier uniforms, but at the same time they will have snow-ball battles and a make-believe siege of Port Arthur in spite of us."

FAMOUS CHURCH IS SAVED.

Architect Writes That Repairs Made to St. Marks at Venice Are Effective.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Architect Manfredik, author of the report of the condition of Basilia of St. Mark's at Venice, is now in Rome and has written to the Italia saying that the measures proposed in the report are sufficient to prevent the damage becoming worse and that urgent and indispensible work has been going on with great activity and care since last June.

"Every exaggerated impression in Italy and abroad" Signor Manfredik continues, can therefore be dispelled. The great monument presents somewhat grave signs of weakness and disintegration, but the restorations begun and especially those proposed in the report, it will be long preserved.

BIG DEMONSTRATION TODAY.

Nationalists Will Welcome Habert, Whose Exile from France Expired Last Midnight.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—In the chamber of deputies today M. Gauthier DeClagny asked that amnesty be granted to Paul DeRoulede and Marcel Habert, convicted in 1899 by the high court of participation in a plot to overthrow the government and who were subsequently exiled. A lively debate followed. Premier Combes opposed the request and further discussion of the question was postponed.

Habert's term of exile expires at midnight tonight and telegrams from Spain say he is ready to cross the border a minute after midnight. It has been arranged that 18,000 Nationalists will take part in a demonstration when Habert arrives in Paris tomorrow. Elaborate police precautions will be taken.

FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

Sanguinary Conflicts Between Bulgarians and Greeks—Bulgarians Murdered by Albanians.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17.—The massacre by Greeks of the wedding party near Monastir, November 29, 13 persons being killed and five receiving wounds, has led to a number of sanguinary conflicts between Bulgarian and Greek bands, culminating Thursday last in a stubborn battle lasting five hours. A Greek band of 28 men and a body of Bulgarians met near the village of Saraginevo and the Greeks lost 24 men killed.

Many assassinations of Bulgarians by Albanians have been reported in the Uskub district. The local authorities, as usual, have taken no action in the matter.

HEARST WILL RETIRE FROM OFFICE HOLDING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Representative William R. Hearst said last night, when asked concerning the report that he was a candidate for mayor of New York: "I am not a candidate for mayor of New York, nor the presidency of the United States nor for any other office. I intend to serve my term as congressman and then retire, not from politics, but from office-holding."

Fireman's Arrival Was Opportune.

Louis Ademitz of Baldwin street, Hays borough, had a desperate struggle with George Castor, an alleged robber, yesterday afternoon in the meat market of Charles Schmeltz of Hays borough. Schmeltz was absent from his store for several minutes and in his absene Castor went into the store and was ransacking the money drawer when Mr. Ademitz entered and grappled with the man who was getting the best of the encounter when Charles Grim, a Homestead fireman, made his appearance and subdued the man.

STILL HUNTING FOR A CANDIDATE

Republicans Have Not Decided Upon a Nominee for the Office of Controller.

EXPECT ELLIOTT TO HELP

There was a tip out early in the week that before Sunday at least three Republican candidates for controller would enter the field for the nomination. The new timber has not appeared, but there was a rumor yesterday a strong possibility was under blanket and would be exhibited soon.

City Chairman M. G. Leslie has full control of any fight which may be made on Controller John B. Larkin by the Republicans. The chairman says he will not slate a candidate, but promises the course will be crowded with aspirants before the primaries are held on January 14.

At the meeting of the city committee Tuesday night chairman Leslie was rather inclined to have a resolution presented committing the party to a fight for the office of controller. This course was abandoned and he and John B. Barbour, Jr., made speeches in which they predicted the election of a Republican controller in February.

Chairman Leslie takes the ground the people are too busy with Christmas shopping now to be bothered about the controllership contest and desires to have the whole subject, so far as the public is concerned, dropped until after the first of the year. There is still a great deal of discussion in the organization as to the wisdom of getting into a contest over the office.

Thomas D. Keller of the Twenty-second ward, who was brought out for controller a week ago, has not announced whether he intends to remain in the contest. Some of his friends are of the opinion he will not allow the use of his name.

Deputy Controller Morrow said yesterday he had heard the name of a prominent Republican mentioned in connection with the nomination, but was not at liberty to divulge the identity of the prospective candidate. He considers him the strongest man so far talked about as an opponent of Controller Larkin. Oliver McClintock has decided he will not seek the office.

It is expected Elliott borough will be the Thirty-ninth ward of the city soon after the first of the year and the opponents of Larkin figure on rolling up a large majority against him in the baby ward.

Prof. W. L. McCullough, W. S. Clazier and Joseph A. Henderson, prominent Republicans in Elliott, called upon Chairman Leslie yesterday to discuss with him the organization of the new ward under the rules of the city committee. Preparations will be made for entering the city primaries on January 14, at which time candidates for select and common councilmen will be named.

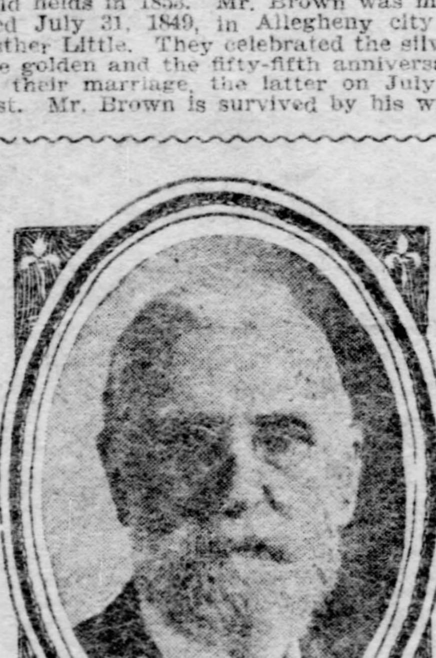
Robert Beck, secretary of the Democratic executive committee of Allegheny, has called a meeting of the committee on rules for tomorrow night. It will be held in the city assessor's office, Mr. Beck being one of the assessors. James Wall is chairman of the committee on rules, but his name is not on the call.

GRIM REAPER CUTS DOWN AN AGED ALLEGHENIAN

John K. Brown, for Years Closely Identified With Official Life of City, Passes Away.

John K. Brown, one of the oldest and best known residents of Allegheny, died in his 77th year Friday last at 9:30 p. m. at the residence of his son in Edgewood. Mr. Brown was one of the pioneers of the earlier history of Allegheny city. He was born January 18, 1828, in Paris, France, where his parents were on a visit from England. They came to this country in 1831, settling in Allegheny city and living in Cedar avenue.

John K. Brown for many years represented the Second and Third wards in councils and also was a member of the board of school controllers. When Allegheny became a city of the second class he was appointed a member of the board of assessors, continuing in this position until he retired last year. He was a California forty-niner, returning from the gold fields in 1853. Mr. Brown was married July 31, 1849, in Allegheny city to Esther Little. They celebrated the silver, the golden and the fifty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, the latter on July 31 last. Mr. Brown is survived by his wife,



JOHN K. BROWN.

four sons and two daughters, the children being John B. Brown of Brown & Tillingast, insurance; George L. Brown, with W. P. Snyder & Co.; Thomas L. Brown, treasurer of the Westinghouse Machine Company; Alton Brown, treasurer of the Peerless Carbon Black Company; Mrs. B. H. Culberson and Mrs. A. Fleming McDonald.

Mr. Brown was always a staunch Republican and had voted for Whig or Republicans candidates at 14 presidential elections. He was a charter member of Fidelia lodge No. 415 and Allegheny Encampment No. 101, I. O. O. F., and for 40 years was an attendant at the meetings of the grand lodge of the I. O. O. F. of Pennsylvania. He was a charter member of McKinley lodge No. 318, F. and A. M., of the Allegheny chapter No. 307, Royal Arch Masons, of the Allegheny commandery No. 35, Knights Templar, was a member of the Association of Masonic Veterans, and of Germania lodge No. 549, Knights of Honor. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the First Methodist Protestant church, Union avenue, Allegheny.

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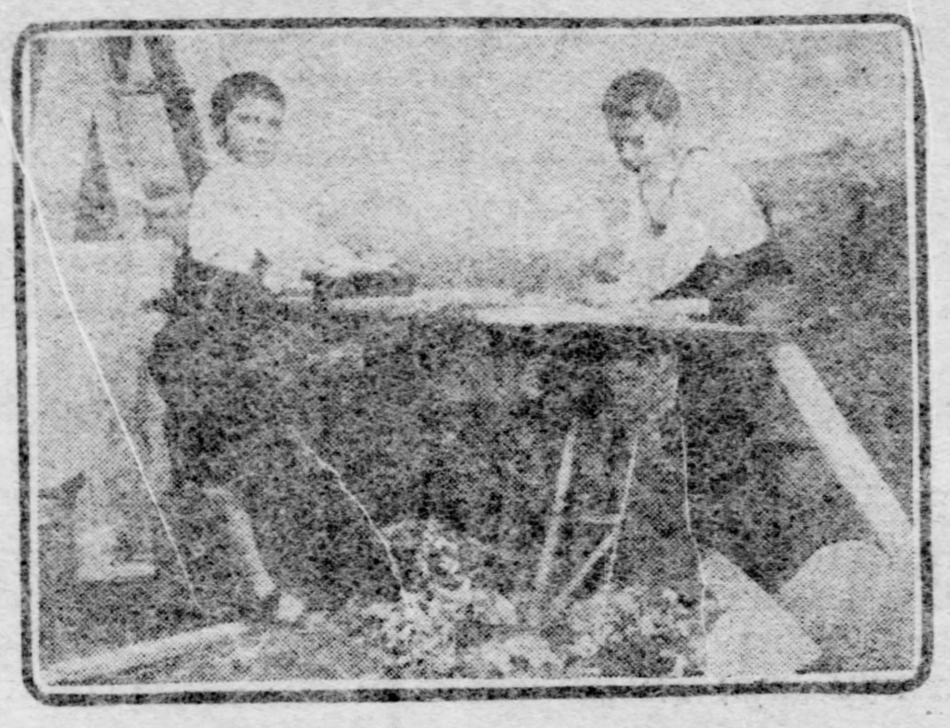
Young Princes as Carpenters



A snapshot of the two little sons of Archduke Leopold of Austria, working as carpenters. The archduke, who is most democratic in his ways, decided that each of his sons should learn a useful trade, whereby he might support himself in case of an emergency, a fact which may come in handy to the young princes when it is considered how close

WOMEN WANT TO VOTE FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Mrs. Belva Lockwood Makes Plea for Suffrage Before Senate Committee.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The resolution granting to the women of the various states the right to vote for members of the house of representatives, was made the basis of a hearing before the senate committee on women's suffrage today. The question was presented by a committee consisting of representatives of the Federal Women's Equality association and including Mrs. Clara Berwick Colby, Dr. Clara W. McNaughton and Mrs. Belva Lockwood.

"I live in the District of Columbia where nobody votes," said Mrs. Lockwood, "and I am just as good as a man here." Both she and Mrs. Colby argued in support of the constitutionality of the bill. In addition to announcing her conclusions in behalf of her sex, Mrs. Lockwood expressed the hope that the congressional representation of the southern states would be reduced unless the negroes are protected in their right of suffrage. The declaration brought a smile to the face of Senator Bacon of Georgia, who is chairman of the suffrage committee.

Mrs. Colby said it was not true women were quiescent under the present discrimination against them, but that in reality they feel keenly the deprivation imposed upon them. Many of them are, she said, property owners and she contended for their right of representation at the polls. She also called attention to a supreme court decision to the effect that negroes being citizens are entitled to vote in all the states and drew the conclusion that as women are citizens the same privilege should be awarded them.

LUMBER FOR PANAMA GOES IN GERMAN SHIPS

Protest Made to the President in the Interest of American Vessels.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Some questions relating to the construction of the Panama canal were brought to the attention of President Roosevelt today. Representatives Humphrey and Jones of Washington called at the White House to lodge a protest with the president against the shipping of lumber from the Puget Sound territory to the canal zone in German vessels. The president was informed the Panama canal commission had made a contract in Washington for 3,000,000 feet of lumber, and that all of this lumber was to be shipped to the canal strip in German bottoms, to the absolute exclusion of American vessels which were lying in Puget Sound waiting for business.

Representative Humphrey, who is a member of the merchant marine commission, told the president that 40 American ships were lying idle in the waters of Washington, while the German ships were carrying the lumber to Panama. Bids had been submitted by both American and German vessel owners. They did not vary materially as to price, but the German vessels were willing to carry the lumber in broken cargoes, while the American vessels wanted full cargoes. The president's callers felt the awarding of the contract to German vessels was a discrimination against American shipping which ought not to be sanctioned. The president promised to look into the subject.

Later in the day Admiral Walker, president of the canal commission, called on the president and told him the commission had made its contract with the Ballington Bay Lumber Company for delivery on the canal strip and that the commission had nothing whatever to do with the contract made for shipping the lumber to Panama.

WOMEN PRETENDING TO BE NUNS COLLECT MONEY

CONNELLSVILLE, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—It has developed that two women dressed as nuns who collected a large sum of money in Connellsville a week ago, were impostors. The women asked funds to rebuild the Cambria County Orphans' home. In two days they collected at least $500. One woman gave them $10, and many are known to have given them $5 each. Detectives are after them.

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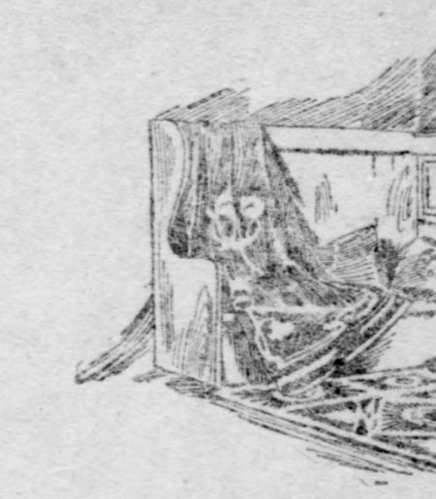

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Never before in our 28 years of merchandising have we been so thronged with customers as yesterday. The store was simply packed. But can you wonder? The inducements we offer customers are irresistible.

Don't delay a minute longer if you have gift articles to select. Time is fleeting, with Christmas only a week away. Our beautiful stock is practically the same as it was two weeks ago, owing to our wholesale department, from which we have replenished the retail stock as it melted from day to day.

Come early if possible to avoid the afternoon and evening rush.

$3.50 for this very pretty Diamond and Opal Ring, set with 2 real opals and 2 genuine diamonds—surprisingly low price.

$5 only for this splendid Solid Gold Ring, set with 3 real opals and 2 genuine diamonds — positively best value ever offered at the price.

$10 for this elegant Diamond and Opal Cluster Ring, set with 10 genuine diamonds and a real opal in center — very nice for gift.

$10 for this exquisite solid gold Snake Ring, set with one pure white diamond, weighing one-eighth karat, and with one genuine sapphire on the outside, same weight. Just like illustration — a large, showy, elegant ring.

$15 for this pure White Diamond Ring, stone weighs one-quarter karat, in a variety of settings. Stud same price.

$20 only for this exquisite Diamond and Opal Cluster Ring, set with 16 pure white diamonds and one large real opal in center—such value speaks for itself.

$20 For this handsome three-stone Gypsy ring, set with one pure white diamond in center, weighing one-quarter karat, and ruby or sapphire doublets on the outside.

$35 only for this lovely glittering pure Diamond Ring, the stone weighing one-half karat; remember half-karat, in any setting desired. Stud same price.

$60 only for this beautiful Diamond Ring, weighing ¾ karat — the greatest value offered in late years.

$75 only for this Diamond and Opal Princess Ring, set with twenty-two (22) genuine pure white diamonds (no chips) and three (3) genuine fiery opals in center.

$100 only for this very beautiful 5-stone Diamond Princess Ring; the stones are all pure white and perfect, and weigh collectively one and one-quarter (1¼) karats.

$10 only for this beautiful Diamond and pearl Star Pendant, set with twenty-four genuine pearls and genuine cut diamond in center weighing one-eighth karat.

$15 only for this 14-karat lovely Diamond and Pearl Pendant. Set with 54 pearls and one pure white diamond in center weighing ⅛ karat. This Pendant must be seen to be appreciated.

$10.50 only for this Solid Gold O-size Lady's Watch, fitted with own pendant-size fine lever movement, fully guaranteed.

$15 only for this splendid Solid Gold O-size Lady's Watch set with four white diamonds and fitted with our own pendant-set fine lever movement, which carries our guarantee.

$20 only for this magnificent Open-Face Chatelaine Watch, whole back studded with pearls, as illustrated. Just the thing for a Christmas gift.

$25 only for this exquisite Open-Face Solid Gold Chatelaine Watch, with the pretty art noveau rose gold finish and fitted with a good reliable movement. Fully guaranteed.

$10 Only for this solid gold Locket, with pure white cut diamond in center, weighing ⅛ karat; just like illustration.

$25 only for this solid gold Art Nouveau Locket—set with a pure white diamond weighing one-quarter karat. A charming Christmas gift.

$35 only for this exceptionally pleasing Sunburst Pendant, set with seventy-five genuine pearls and a quarter-karat genuine diamond in center.

$110 for this magnificent Diamond Pendant, set with 9 large pure white diamonds weighing collectively one and one-quarter karats; no need to say this is remarkable value—worth today at the advanced price of diamonds, fully $150.

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$2.75 only for a beautiful Hard Enameled Open Face Chatelaine Watch, enameled on sterling silver in dainty colors.

$3 only for a boys' open-face, stem-winding pendant-set, real gunmetal Watch; fully guaranteed.

$5 only for a boys' Sterling Silver Watch, with American movement; worth $7.50.

$9 only for a man's 16-size Hunting, stem-winding, Watch, gold filled; case warranted for 20 years; with a reliable lever movement; pendant-set; fully guaranteed.

$15 only for a man's 14-karat Hunting case gold filled Watch; case warranted for 25 years; fitted with either Elgin or Waltham movement; regular $25 value.

Ladies' solid gold Watches, with and without diamonds—hundreds to choose from—with any movement desired—from $75 each down to $10.50

$7.50 only for this solid gold Diamond and Pearl Brooch, set with 24 Pearls and one white cut Diamond in center. A great bargain.

$125 only for this pair of beautiful Diamond Earrings. Stones weighing 1¼ karat, being pure white and perfect. Only Kingsbacher's are in position to offer such values.

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10,000 Rings to select from—think what that means. Prices range from $2 to $900. Patterns to please all tastes.

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Sterling Silver Manicure Sets in nice silk lined boxes, 5, 7, 9 and 12 pieces, from $3 a set up.

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NEW LIBRARIAN IS ENCOURAGED

Anderson H. Hopkins Will Inaugurate No Radical Changes at Carnegie Library.

OLD STAFF TO BE RETAINED

Book reading Pittsburgh is just as original and no less unique in its place in the world's affairs than the Pittsburgh of amazing tonnage. Literature and freight are widely separated when viewed in the abstract, but in Pittsburgh these two elements of the city's progress have the same relative proximity as the Carnegie Institute and the blast furnaces on the Monongahela.

In New England literary life used to flourish in sight of the masts of the schooners that cleared in the Salem customs house or carried produce down Casco bay. In the middle west in later years it enjoys a facile habitat in the flat stretches of Indiana where bandits and lynchers once terrorized the community. Not all the denizens of Grub street were of the literary bent of Goldsmith and Johnson, and only one Wordsworth received the inspiration of Windemer. So it is not surprising that Anderson H. Hopkins, the new librarian of the Carnegie library, went back to his home in Kentucky last night stimulated for his task by encouragement such as only the characteristic progress of Pittsburgh can give.

No Radical Changes Are to Be Made.

Mr. Hopkins during his sojourn here did not speak of "literary Pittsburgh." He may consider the word a misnomer. Pittsburgh has few writers, but it has a growing and intelligent reading public, and gives its free library support that is equalled by no other city in the country.

ANDERSON H. HOPKINS,
The New Librarian.

"Pittsburgh possesses a magnificent institution in the Carnegie library," said Mr. Hopkins. "My work here during my three days' stay has been devoted to getting acquainted with my future associates and in familiarizing myself with the system which has been established here with so much success. I shall not begin my administration by instituting radical changes. I contemplate making no changes in the personnel of the library staff. Just now I am fitting myself as one of the cogs in the wheel and shall endeavor to see that the machinery runs easily and smoothly.

"The Pittsburgh Carnegie libray we all know by reputation—it is recognized as one of the best in the United States. No matter how many millions would be donated by its liberal founder, it takes proper management and cheerful patronage to make it a success and to serve its best purpose. Pittsburgh seems to be doing all this. I have not had an opportunity to study the patronage of the various departments of the library in detail or to make comparative estimates between the number of readers of fiction with those who use the reference departments, but the fact remains that while Pittsburgh may not be producing many books, it is reading them thoroughly.

Library's Place in City.

"The importance of the library in the city's growth and in its relation to its educational and social life will increase in a way that is not shown by the lengthening census reports or by the mere notation of the library's attendance. The library must keep pace with the culture that follows the support of the best in music, in art and in science. A library always receives enthusiastic patronage in a community where a wide-awake interest is manifested in the arts and sciences. As to the city's place among those that have splendid art galleries, flourishing orchestras and valuable museums every Pittsburgher well knows."

Nine years ago Mr. Hopkins considered the advisability of making an application for the position of librarian in Pittsburgh. He hesitated and soon afterward heard that Edwin H. Anderson had been appointed. The former librarian and Mr. Hopkins are not strangers. They are both sons of Indiana and were born in the same year—1861. Mr. Anderson was educated in Wabash college and Mr. Hopkins at Ann Arbor and both early took up the study of library training.

Mr. Hopkins is of impressive stature and is the picture of sturdy health. He looks as if he would be the pride of any football eleven as an irresistible center rush. To the man who meets him at his desk he appears to have none of the traditional characteristics of the bookworm. But this is not because Mr. Hopkins is not a bookworm. He is an example of the modern book lover who combines executive ability, decision and enterprise with all the poetic temperament of the true bibliophile.

Example of Modern Booklovers.

Down in Louisville, where Mr. Hopkins has spent the last year arranging for the opening of the City Free library in anticipation of a magnificent institution which has been donated by Mr. Carnegie, the librarian was not looked upon as a man who sat steeped in books or who climbed over musty shelves in search of some forgotten tome. He was slow-moving, they said, and practical. He didn't surround himself with books and shut the world out, but moved about in the wide world and gathered the books in, organizing a system with a view to being businesslike and to getting the best out of the best books.

Louisville can hardly be said to possess a public library. Mr. Carnegie's donation had been accepted and the lot purchased for the erection of a $250,000 building. On the top floor of a department store the 60,000 volumes of the Louisville Polytechnic society have been kept, but the arrangements were such as gave the general public little opportunity to enjoy its privileges. Mr. Hopkins evolved a plan for opening desks and rearranging the book stacks and within a short time this will be done and the library will be continued there until the new Carnegie library is completed.

Mr. Hopkins will return to Pittsburgh early in January and enter upon the duties of his office.

DESCENDANTS OF LEWIS.

Nine of Them Will Visit Portland Fair. Fine Statuary Obtained from St. Louis Exposition.

PORTLAND, ORE., Dec. 17.—Statuary valued at nearly a quarter of a million dollars has been secured at St. Louis by the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The list includes some of the finest pieces that were shown at the St. Louis fair.

Nine descendants of Capt. Meriwether Lewis, the explorer, reside within the borders of the state, which was opened up by the Lewis and Clark expedition, and will visit the exposition to see the great demonstration in honor of their illustrious forebearer, which will occur on Lewis Day, August 12.

Dr. Hahn Will Again Appeal.

NEW CASTLE, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Dr. J. R. Hahn of Edenburg, whose sentence of 10 years imprisonment for alleged criminal malpractice in the Mabel Williams case, the superior court refused to reverse, will appeal to the supreme court. The superior court reversed the decision of the lower court in the case of Dr. Edwin S. Cooper of this city, accused in the same case.

ASKS ENEMY TO SPARE HOSPITAL

Gen. Stoessel Writes Gen. Nogi Japanese Are Bombarding the Red Cross.

UNINTENTIONAL, SAYS REPLY

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

TOKYO, Dec. 17.—The following dispatch was received today from the Japanese army before Port Arthur:

"Two letters from Gen. Stoessel, commander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, to Gen. Nogi, in command of the besiegers at Port Arthur, reached headquarters at 8 o'clock in the evening of Dec. 15. The first reads as follows:

"'I have the honor to inform you that your artillery has bombarded our hospitals, which are plainly distinguished by Red Cross flags. These insignia are visible from your artillery positions. I request you to prohibit the bombardment. I make the request from my high esteem for our brave heroes who, after gloriously fighting with your force, lie wounded in the hospitals under the Red Cross. Among those heroes are some Japanese wounded.

"'I avail myself of the opportunity to convey to you assurances of my high respect.'

"Accompanying this letter was another from Gen. Stoessel to Gen. Nogi, saying:

"'I hereby entrust the bearer, Barashoff Langa, hunt master to the emperor, and superintendent of the Red Cross, to negotiate with your excellency in order to remove the hospitals outside the dangerous zone during bombardment. It is needless to say that we have respect for your right to promote the success of your operations.'

"Pencilled on the envelope was the following: 'Barashoff will come to the same place on the afternoon of December 16 to receive your reply.'"

Gen. Nogi further reports that he sent Major Saito, accompanied by Professor Ariga and an interpreter, to Salichiao to deliver a reply, which was accompanied by the following letter to Gen. Stoessel:

"'I have the honor to assure you that the Japanese army, respecting humanity and treaties since the beginning of the siege, has never purposely directed shells against buildings or vessels flying the Red Cross, but the greater part of the garrison is invisible from our own gun positions, and as you know, shells do not always reach the place to which they are directed, and especially owing to your long and brave resistance, the deviation of our guns is becoming greater and greater. So, with the greatest regret, we are unable to guarantee to reach the places at which they are directed.

"'I avail myself of the opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my highest respect.'"

The record of the interview between Barashoff Langa and Major Saito is as follows:

"Barashoff: 'The Japanese army directs its fire against buildings under the Red Cross.'

"Saito: 'Never.'

"Barashoff: 'We request you not to bombard the whole New Town, and the northeastern part of the Old Town.'

"Saito: 'We cannot agree absolutely to limit our area.'

"Barashoff: 'We will give you a map showing the positions of our hospitals, and hope you will not bombard them.'

"Saito: 'We will receive the map supporting your request.'

"It was arranged that the map shall be delivered December 18."

ARISTOCRAT TAKES VEIL.

Pretty Mlle. De Netumieres Has Given Paris Its Latest Social Sensation.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(Special Cable.)—The latest sensation in Paris high society is the taking of the nun's veil by Mlle. des Netumieres. Being both rich and beautiful it is generally agreed that only a love affair could have prompted this extreme step. The young lady does not, it is true, enter one of the contemplative orders, where she would pass her life in cloistered silence, but will become a nurse in one of the religious hospitals.

She will become, indeed, one of the "Little Sisters of the Poor," which means that she will be their servant, that she will wait upon them and will not presume to sit down to their table, but eat after them—if there is anything left.

Attendant of Late Pope Dies.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Pio Centra, the faithful attendant of the late Pope Leo XIII., died here today of apoplexy, thus fulfilling his own prediction that he would soon follow his master. Centra, who was one of the most picturesque figures of the late pontificate, lived entirely for Pope Leo, sleeping practically in the same room and enjoying the entire confidence of the late pope.

Absolutely Free A Dollar Heart Remedy

The heart itself has no more self control than a common sponge. It is made to beat by a tender nerve so tiny that it is scarcely visible to the naked eye. Yet ten thousand times a day this delicate nerve must cause the heart to expand and contract.

The heart is about the size of your clenched fist. Open and close your fist a dozen times, even, and you will see the monstrous labor this little nerve must do.

The heart nerve is only one of the branches of the great sympathetic nervous system. Each branch of this system is so closely allied with the others that weakness or irregularity at any point is apt to spread. Heart trouble frequently arises from Stomach trouble through sympathy and Kidney trouble may also follow. For each of these organs is operated by a branch of these same sympathetic nerves—the inside nerves.

The bond of sympathy between the nerves that operate the vital organs has a useful purpose, as well. For what will cure weakness in one branch will surely cure weakness in every branch—what will restore one center, will surely restore them all.

There is nothing new about this—nothing any physician would dispute. But it remained for Dr. Shoop to apply this knowledge—to put it to practical use. Dr. Shoop's Restorative is the result of a quarter century of endeavor along this very line. It does not dose the organ or deaden the pain—but it does go at once to the nerve—the inside nerve—the power nerve—and builds it up, and strengthens it and makes it well.

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Don't you see that THIS is NOT the mere patchwork of a stimulant—the mere soothing of a narcotic? Don't you see that it goes right to the root of the trouble and eradicates the cause?

Does this not explain to you some of the uncertainties of medicine—is it not a good reason to your mind why other kinds of treatment may have failed.

But you are not asked to take a single statement you see here—you are not asked to believe a word of this until you have tried Dr. Shoop's Restorative in your own home at Dr. Shoop's expense, absolutely. For he will send you an order for a full sized Dollar Bottle if you merely write and ask. The Dollar bottle is free. You deposit nothing, you risk nothing, you promise nothing. There is nothing to pay, either now or later.

The first free bottle may be enough to effect a cure—but Dr. Shoop does not promise that. Nor does he fear a loss of possible profit if it does. For such a test will surely convince the cured one beyond doubt or dispute, or disbelief, that every word he has said is true. And would not the patient when cured tell other sick ones what Dr. Shoop's Restorative had done for him?

The offer is open to everyone, everywhere, who has never tried this remedy before.

For a free order for a full dollar bottle you must address Dr. Shoop, Box 3568, Racine, Wis. State which book you want.	Book 1 on Dyspepsia. Book 2 on the Heart. Book 3 on the Kidneys. Book 4 for Women. Book 5 for Men. Book 6 on Rheumatism.

Mild cases, are often cured with one or two bottles. For sale at forty thousand drug stores.

Dr. Shoop's Restorative

Eminent Financier as Seen Abroad

Men of Mark II.—John Pierpont Morgan.
—London Bystander.

FRANCE TO IMPROVE MATCHES

Of the Present Kind, Only About One Out of Every Five Will Light.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(Copyright Cable.)—The French government, it would seem, has at last decided to effect an improvement in the manufacture of wooden matches. Two-cent boxes are now on sale containing matches identical with those sold hitherto except that in the middle of each match is a small circle of paraffine wax which permits the flame to spring into life again and burn until the end of the wood.

The idea serves the purpose, provided the match lights in the first instance. Tha happens about once in five times.

Governor Scores the Zemstvoists.

CHERNIGOV, RUSSIA, Dec. 17.—The governor in a speech today at the opening of the zemstvo took the members to task for what he characterized as the "hubbub" raised over the alleged restriction of their rights, pointing out that some of the zemstvos were too careless in the exercise of the privileges they already possess.

CHINA'S NATIONAL POLICY IS PEACE

Sir Chentung Liang Cheng Lauds the Character of His Countrymen.

HE PLEADS FOR DISARMAMENT

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 17.—Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, Chinese minister to the United States, tonight addressed the American Acadmey of Political and Social Science on "China's Traditional Policy." Among other things he said:

For 2,000 years China has not swerved an iota from steadily pursuing a consistent policy of peace. This may be put down to the fact that all the men who have played a prominent part in Chinese affairs have invariably been thorough followers of Confucius. The result is that in China the saying "The pen is mightier than the sword" is not a high-sounding boast, but an active principle of government. It is the scholar that is today the ruler of the empire. The soldier holds a lower place.

It may be urged that the Chinese have brought much unnecessary suffering upon themselves by their firm adherence to the principles of peace. It is true this has left their country practically exposed to foreign invasions. They maintain no effective army; they have no battleships.

But China's strength does not lie so near the surface. Her wonderful recuperative power must be sought in the sterling character of the people themselves. They may be wanting in those showy qualities of mind and body which the people of the west admire and cultivate, but they are endowed to an eminent degree with those hardy virtues which tell most in the struggle for existence, namely, patience, industry and thrift.

With the view of reducing the possibility of war as much as possible arbitration is the method now best recommended for the settlement of international disputes. This is a step in the right direction. But as long as nations are armed to the teeth there is always a strong temptation to test the effectiveness of the weapons they possess. The day seems to be far distant when the nations of the world will agree to a general disarmament, but until this consummation is reached the peace of the world can never be absolutely secure.

Benefit for New York Tile Layers.

Local No. 4, Ceramic, Mosaic & Encaustic Tile Layers and Helpers' International union, has arranged for a smoker and entertainment to be held in Masonic hall, Allegheny, next Wednesday evening. The object is to secure funds for the Tile Layers' unions of New York who have been idle some time. The committee consists of James W. Connolly, J. P. Reynolds, Joseph Conway, A. Mortimer, A. L. Jackson, Daniel McGinnell, Arthur Grap, Jacob Metz, Ed. Kiefer and George Wrigley.

Dogs Being Slaughtered.

CONNELLSVILLE, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—As a result of the report received from the Pasteur department of the Mercy hospital at Pittsburgh yesterday that the dog which recently bit a large number of persons had hydrophobia, a general crusade was begun against all the canines of the town today. Five hundred dogs have already been killed. The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gard was bitten by a Scotch terrier, supposed to be mad, this morning.

TRUSTEES ASK FOR $158,000

Estimates of Carnegie Library Board for 1905 Expenses Same as This Year.

REFUSED HELMOLD FIGURES

The executive committee of the Carnegie library board of trustees met yesterday morning and decided to ask councils for an appropriation of $158,000 for the maintenance of the library during the next fiscal year beginning February 1. This is the same amount appropriated for the library this year by councils. The utmost effort was made by the executive committee to keep the figures secret, but they finally leaked out from one of the members.

Councilman Helmold, chairman of the council sub-committee on appropriations, heard of the meeting of the trustees yesterday afternoon and he called up J. Smiley Wightman, president of select council, who is a member of the library board, and asked Wightman for information. Wightman refused to give Helmold any information whatsoever.

"We are sworn to secrecy," said Wightman to Helmold. "We agreed that no outsider should know anything until the estimates are reported to councils by the mayor. They have been sent to the mayor."

The refusal to tell Helmold anything did not tend to make him look with more favor on the requests of the library trustees for a large appropriation. He expressed his displeasure in no uncertain tone.

"I certainly think it is about time there should be an investigation of the affairs of the library," he said. "It has been the custom for years for the trustees to demand as much money as they wanted in a lump sum and it has been granted them by councils without asking any questions. Now they hold secret meetings and withhold information from the public. If the finances of the library cannot stand publicity they should be investigated."

Helmold also criticises councilmen appointed on the library board, whom he claims do not display as much interest in behalf of the city as they should. He claims they do not attempt to have a voice in the management of the library.

The estimates of the library trustees, aggregating $158,000, were sent yesterday to the office of Mayor Hays. It is said to have been the intention of the trustees to have asked for a larger appropriation for next year than the present year, but they altered their minds because of the opposition in advance from Chairman Helmold of the sub-committee on appropriations, and because it was believed that Director Bigelow favored a reduction in the expenses of the library. For this reason, a member of the board stated, it was decided to ask for the same amount as received this year.

Meyer to Figure in Promotions.

ROME, Dec. 17.—It is understood that Ambassador Meyer will figure prominently in the diplomatic promotions incident to the inauguration of President Roosevelt and that he will be succeeded by Henry White, now secretary of the American embassy in London.

FRUIT-FLAVORED SODA MAY BE THING OF PAST

Enforcement of Existing Law Regarding Adulteration Results in Asking a Change.

"Unless the legislature passes a bill amending the law on the subject of pure syrups, fruit-flavored soda water throughout the state will be a thing of the past," said Secretary B. E. Pritchard of the Western Pennsylvania Retail Druggists' association last evening.

The druggists of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are working together for the legislation which they need. They are not objecting to the attitude of the state pure food commissioner on the subject, as they say frankly that he is but enforcing the law as it stands on the statute books. His notice of intention to enforce this law came a couple of months ago in the entering of suits against certain druggists.

The pure food law allows absolutely no adulteration of the syrups. The preservatives used to keep the syrups from fermenting have been adjudged adulterants. Syrups cannot be kept without the preservatives. Hence unless the law is altered, it will be a case of no syrups in Pennsylvania and, therefore, no soda water of the fruit flavors.

"What we wish is to have the legislature authorize the use of benzoate of sodium in quantities not to exceed one-fourth of one per cent of the concentrated syrup," said Mr. Pritchard. "It would be absolutely harmless to the consumer, as it would require the consumption of 75 gallons of soda water to secure the minimum dose of this chemical. At the same time it would serve our purposes well.

"The law falls heavily upon the druggists. The manufacturers of the syrups are outside of the state and therefore not to be reached by the law. The fine for the violation is $50 for the first offense and $100 with the possibility of imprisonment for the second.

"A certain quantity of preservative is allowed for meats and butter. It is only fair that this should be done with syrups."

UNION MOLDERS ARE INDICTED FOR MURDER

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Indictments were returned against Albert Patten and Thomas Bracken today for the murder of Samuel Weakley, the non-union iron molder who was killed here early in October. The two men indicted are union molders.

May Have to Pay for Land.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The announcement that the Greene county line of the Wabash will be built soon probably relieves the company from some right of way troubles. Most of the options for a free right of way expire October 1 next, and the farmers whose lands are crossed say that if the work is not under way by the date mentioned the company will be compelled to pay for the land it wants for its line.

Florida and Carolina Winter Resorts

Excursion rates via Seaboard Air line. Pullman service to Pinehurst, Camden and Florida points. R. H. Stansell, 503 Park building.

Santa Tells You Straight That Friend Will Wait for the Money.

FRIEND

810 TO 814 PENN AVENUE.

Holiday Goods on Credit the Same As All Other Goods. Store Open Evenings Till Xmas.

LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS

SEE FRIEND ABOUT IT IF YOU ARE GOING TO BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

It's Time to See Friend!

FURNITURE GIFTS ARE PRACTICAL

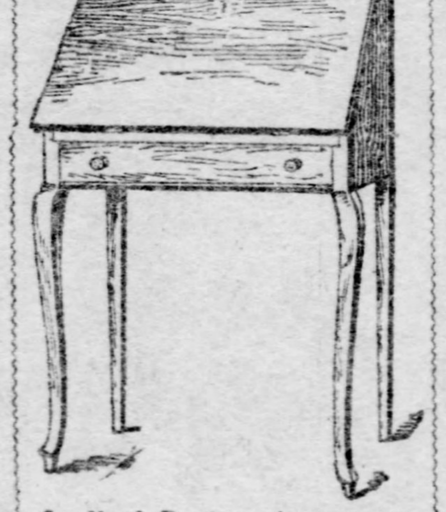
Santa Claus is blowing his last trumpet call for Christmas.

If you are not ready, get ready at once. If you are in doubt what to buy, choose a piece of furniture, and you will make no mistake.

Gifts of furniture are always appropriate, useful and highly appreciated by those who receive them.

Of course you can afford it. You can't afford to buy trash. Select a piece of furniture at Friend's and Friend will wait for the money.

Hundreds of beautiful articles for Christmas giving are to be found in Friend's great stock.



Ladies' Pretty Writing Desk $7.50

Even though you had not thought of buying anything quite so nice as this writing desk, it will pay you to do so at this price. It is a very handsome desk, provided with drawers, pigeonholes, shelves, etc., and is the very thing for a Christmas gift. Really worth $13.50.

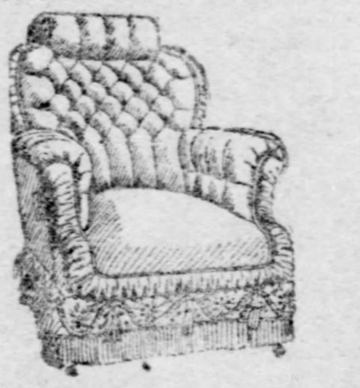
Besides getting this SILVERWARE FREE you get the biggest values in town in Furniture, Carpets, etc.

SILVERWARE FREE

Our Christmas gift to every customer whose purchases amount to $50 or more, on which $10 has ben paid, is a case of elegant silverware, consisting of genuine Rogers knives, forks and spoons. A handsome plush case goes with the silverware, all absolutely free.

Ladies' Handsome Dressing Table . . $9.50

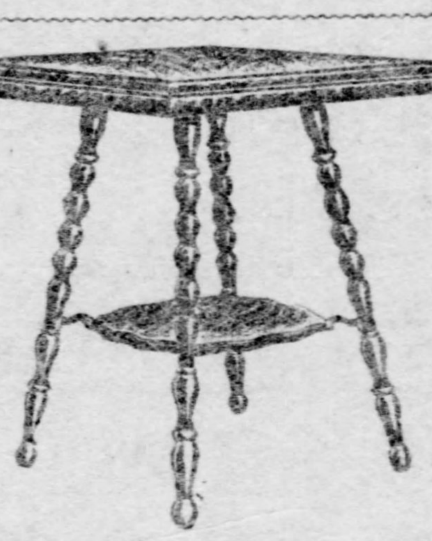
Should you present this beautiful dressing table to your wife, mother, sister, or sweetheart on Christmas she will tell you that it was exactly what she had been wishing for. It is an unusually artistic dressing table, provided with a splendid plate glass mirror and well finished. It is usually sold at $15. Friend's Christmas sale price, $9.50.



This Splendid Leather Chair . $32.50

The exceptional value in this handsome leather chair lies in the fact that it is the most comfortable chair that could be desired. Its soft, yielding cushions and headrest make it absolutely restful. Sells elsewhere at $50.

Friend Will Give You Credit.



This Pretty Parlor Stand . . . $4.75

The daintiness of this parlor stand will appeal to every housekeeper. Can always be put to good use. No home ever has too many stands. Actually worth $7.50. Friend's Christmas sale price only $4.75.

Friend Will Give You Credit.

Carpets and Rugs

Good Heavy Ingrain, pretty new designs	48c
Extra All-Wool Filling Ingrain, latest patterns	65c
Brussels Carpets, extra quality	75c
Very best grade Brussels	$1.10
Velvet Carpets, most desirable colorings	$1.10
Extra Wilton Velvets, very swell paterns	$1.35

RUGS.

Friend Will Wait for the Money.

Ingrain Rugs, 9x12 feet	$ 7.75
Wilton Velvet Rugs, 9x12 feet	$32.50

Only $8.50

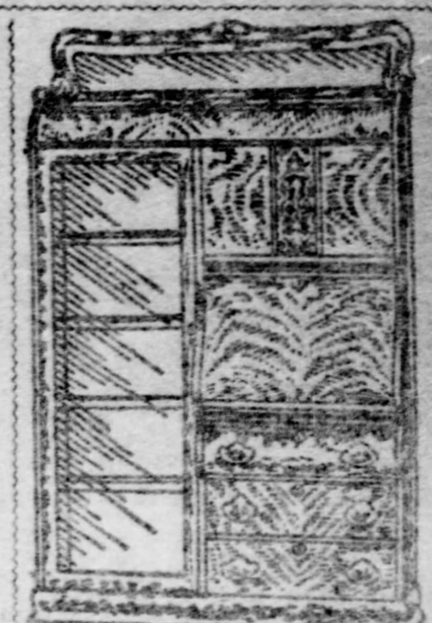
This Haudsome Morris Chair . . $8.50

A Christmas gift of a splendid Morris chair like this reflects credit upon the giver, because of both its intrinsic value and appropriateness. Generally sold at $12.

Only $10

This Elegant Morris Chair $10.

The best value for the money ever sold. It was made to sell at a much higher figure and is actually worth $15. The cushions are upholstered in genuine velour of pretty pattern, are reversible and are soft and comfortable. The framework is highly polished. Christmas sale price, $10.



This Combination Bookcase $28.50

Friend has combination bookcases as low as $13.50. This is an exceptionally fine one made especially for the bonton Christmas trade. Sold elsewhere at $38.

FRIEND 810 TO 814 PENN AVENUE. THE STORE THAT MAKES FRIENDS. FRIEND

CRACKS ON MOON ARE DESCRIBED

Prof. Brashear Tells of Phenomena in Which New Discovery Has Caused Interest.

OTHERS MAY BE FORMING

By JOHN A. BRASHEAR.

Great interest has apparently followed the announcement made by the astronomers of Lick Observatory of a rill or crack in the Valley of the Alps, situated near the northern part of the moon's surface.

It therefore gives the writer pleasure to tell the readers of The Gazette something about these curious formations. At a time before telescopes had reached the great perfection now attained, it was thought that these rills or clefts, as they were called, were the beds of dried-up rivers, but it is now known with certainty that the greater number of them are due to cracks in the surface of our satellite, caused no doubt by intense swellings of the hot interior, after the surface had cooled to a solid mass.

The strongest evidence exists that they are not river beds, for they cross through mountains and valleys, up-hill and down, and in many cases, seemingly, have their origin in some central volcanic crater, and they radiate in many directions similar to the cracks caused by a stone thrown against a pane of glass.

Cleft 150 Miles Long.

There is a magnificent cleft running through the "Sea of Vapors" which seems to emanate from the volcanic crater Hyginus. This cleft is perhaps 150 miles long and in some places is two miles wide, but, as in nearly all these clefts or rills, it is widest about its center, i. e., near the crater where the cracks first start.

A little north of this cleft is the great cleft of Ariadens, first seen by Schroeter, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. This cleft is larger, broader and deeper than the cleft of Hyginus, and the writer has traced it for nearly 200 miles east and west.

Late photographs of this beautiful region of the lunar surface seems to indicate that the source or beginning of the cleft of Ariadens is located in a crater just on the borders of the so-called "Sea of Tranquility." There is a most wonderful double rill or cleft in the "Sea of Fecunditatus," which seems to emanate from the double crater Messier. These rills are straight as an arrow, are almost parallel, and an observer would conclude at first sight that they are the work of intelligent beings. Another wonderful and most interesting cleft, differing from all the others, is situated in the Nubian plain.

The Great Straight Wall.

This cleft seems to have been caused by a fault, or what might be called a tremendous landslide, for on one side there is a wall 1,000 feet high and it runs along nearly north and south for 60 miles and looks so much like the work of human hands that it has been named the "Great Straight Wall." Many times has the writer observed this great wall or cleft when the sun was setting, on its eastern side throwing a long, deep shadow over the plain—long, because of the length of the fault, but narrower in comparison with the shadows of the great peaks of the lunar mountains.

But of all the charming landscapes on the moon, nothing can exceed in beauty the region occupied by the Lunar Appenines and the Lunar Alps. To witness sunset or sunrise over these lofty peaks is a sight most sublime, and although the writer has been studying the moon for nearly 40 years, sunrise or sunset on the Lunar Alps or Appenines have lost none of their charms, none of their beauty.

One of the most potent factors in the sharp delineation of a lunar landscape is the absence of an atmosphere. There being no atmosphere, there is nothing to sustain dust particles, and as there are neither dust particles nor water vapor floating above the surface, there is no twilight. When the sun sets on any part of the moon it is absolutely black darkness, unless, indeed, there be reflected earthlight such as we see at the time of a new moon, for at that time the earth has its bright side turned toward the moon.

Shadows 100 Miles Long.

But when the sun is setting behind a mountain, the shadows of the mighty peaks, some of them 25,000 feet or more high, stretch for 100 miles across the plains, shadows blacker than any earthly shadows—clear, cut and sharp, like the shadows of a mighty church spire built upon the great granite hills of old Luna. Surely it is an awe-inspiring sight to see those shadows lengthen until all is lost in the deep blackness of lunar night.

The sunrise is just as interesting to the beholder. Watching the old lunar volcanic crater, Copernicus, one first sees the rim lighted up by the rising sun. Inside the crater all is wrapped in the deepest darkness. A little while and a star-like point is lit up by the rays of the rising sun near the center of the great crater. This is the top of one of its majestic peaks, made by the last-expiring explosions of the internal scoria, as the lid of the great crater was sealed over for the last time.

Now a streak of sunlight bursts through between the peaks and illumines part of the crater floor. Higher and higher the sun rises until the great central peaks are aglow, and soon it creeps down the terrace of the eastern as well as the western walls, while the shadows of the mighty peaks on the western wall creep away off on the plains beyond.

Truly it is a wonderful scene, ever changing, ever beautiful.

Prof. Perrine's Discovery.

All this is repeated in the region of the Alps. Photographs have been taken of the region of the Appennines and of the Alps. The larger crater is Archimedes, between the two standing out to the east. To the west is Aristillus and Antolycus. Archimedes is 50 miles in diameter and is interesting because of the great smoothness of its interior, but there are some minute rills in its interior. Just below Archimedes and the crater, Aristillus and Antolicus, are the rugged peaks of the Alps. Running into them from the western side may be seen the Valley of the Alps, just at its western terminus. It is in the center of this valley that Prof. Perrine very recently discovered one of the rills or clefts described in the daily papers as a "crack in the valley."

The writer knows Prof. Perrine so well that he is morally certain that if he says he saw this cleft, it is there, but the fact that he tells us it is difficult to see except under the best conditions of illumination, i. e., proper angle of sunlight to produce a shadow, with a clear sky and steady atmosphere for telescopic observations, gives the writer the impression that it is not a new formation, but is an exceedingly narrow rill or cleft which has hitherto escaped the attention of observers. Hundreds of these objects have been discovered with the great telescopes of today that entirely escaped such intelligent observers as Schroeter, Gruthuisen and Schmidt. Gruthuisen discovered 30 or more rills apparently emanating from the crater Triesnecker, but many more delicate rills have been discovered since his day by the use of more powerful telescopes.

Are More Fissures Forming?

The great question that now interests astronomers is not how many of these fissures are on the lunar surface, but whether they are forming at the present time. Prof. Pickering of Harvard college observatory is an ardent believer in present lunar activities and has published many studies he has made of the crater Plato, which lies just east of the valley of the Alps. The writer has many drawings of this crater made in earlier years, and while he confesses to having obtained no positive evidence of activity in this volcanic crater, yet it certainly does not correspond in its surface markings with the drawings of Veer and Maddler, made about 65 years ago.

Some day we may know more of the condition of our satellite. The long series of studies made at the Allegheny observatory show most conclusively that it is externally a cold, churlish world, its warmest temperature at midday being no higher than our freezing point, while at lunar midnight its temperature reaches the cold of space, or about 450 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, although Shelley poetically says:

"That orbid lady, with white fire laden,
Whom mortals call the moon,
Glides glimmering o'er my fleece-like floor,
By the midnight breezes strewn."

Republicans Elect Officers.

The Republicans of Mifflin township met yesterday at the Franklin school near Homestead and organized as follows: President, Joseph Barns; vice president, Thomas Jefferson; secretary, Charles Wonders; treasurer, James Briggs.

Photograph of northern part of the moon, showing the Appennines and Alps mountains; the volcanic craters, Archimedes, Aristillus and Antolycus, and the valley of the Alps. (Valley of the Alps shown at A.)

APPEAL TAKEN BY LAURA BIGGAR

Actress Takes Case Against New Jersey Attorneys Before the Superior Court.

LAWYERS ISSUE STATEMENT

Laura Biggar Bennett yesterday took an appeal to the superior court from the findings of common pleas court No. 3 in refusing a rule to open judgment to admit a defense before a jury on the notes held by Aaron E. Johnston and Frank P. McDermott of New Jersey.

Attorney M. L. Avner accompanied her to the office of the prothonotary of the superior court. He said he did so at the request of Attorney S. S. Robertson and refused to enter his appearance as her counsel. He left at once and the woman took the writs herself. Acting under instructions, she delivered them to Prothonotary W. B. Kirker, who entered them on the records of common pleas court No. 3. Under the order of Judge Evans the case against the garnishees is set for trial tomorrow.

Attorneys for both Laura Biggar Bennett and McNulty & Gulick have taken exceptions to rumors to the effect that there has been a controversy between them over the negotiations in settling the Bennett estate and yesterday made public the following statement:

A good deal of misapprehension seems to exist concerning the negotiations which have recently taken place between counsel for Messrs. McNulty and Gulick and counsel for Mrs. Laura Biggar Bennett.

There never at any time was any controversy between the parties. Negotiations were carried on in the most friendly way for the purpose of increasing the amount payable to Mrs. Bennett under her contract with Messrs. McNulty and Gulick, and concessions were made by these gentlemen which will enable Mrs. Bennett to live in greater comfort until the time arrives when the principal sum becomes payable to her under the terms of the contract between the parties.

The McDermott and Johnston cases were matters merely incidental. Mrs. Bennett has appealed these cases to the supreme court and has given security in her appeal.

J. & S. FERGUSON,
A. V. D. WATTERSON,
Attorneys for McNulty & Gulick.
S. S. ROBERTSON,
Attorney for Laura Biggar Bennett.

Let Contract for $140,000 Building.

The contract for the first of the series of buildings to be erected at Penn and Homewood avenues by a New York syndicate was awarded yesterday by Architect Edward J. Schellentrager to the Scott Krieble Construction Company of this city. The building is to be a six-story fireproof apartment building to cost $140,000.

DIED.

BROWN—On Thursday, December 15, 1904, at 8:10 a. m., at her home, Tomoka avenue, West View, JEANNETTE L. BROWN (nee Slilenburg), beloved wife of Orville H. Brown.

Funeral services at the residence of her sister, Mrs. H. C. Kampes, No. 1002 Chartiers street, Allegheny, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

[Baltimore (Md.) papers please copy.]

BROWN—At his residence, No. 350 Maple avenue, Edgewood, on Friday, December 14, 1904, at 9:30 o'clock p. m., JOHN K. BROWN, husband of Esther Little Brown, in the 77th year of his age.

Funeral services Monday morning, December 19, 1904, at 11 o'clock, at First Methodist Protestant church, Union avenue, Allegheny. Interment private at Uniondale cemetery.

BURGESS—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 8 a. m., MINNIE ESTHER BURGESS, 15 years old, daughter of John C. Burgess of 401 Fourth avenue, Homestead. Funeral services tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Homewood cemetery.

DAY—Suddenly, on Friday at 6 p. m., at Irwin Station, Pa., EUGENE F. DAY.

Funeral from Union station Sunday on arrival of 12:10 p. m. train.

LOVATT—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 7:30 a. m., MARY J. LOVATT (nee Earps), widow of Charles B. Lovatt, in her 54th year.

Funeral services at the residence of her neice, Mrs. A. J. Snodgrass, 105 Sheraden avenue, Bellevue, Monday afternoon, December 19, at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private.

MUELLER—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 11:20 a. m., at his residence, Center avenue, Glenfield borough, WILLIAM E. MUELLER.

Funeral services at St. Marys Catholic church, Glenfield, Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

M'INTOSH—At Denver, Colo., Thursday, December 15, 1904, at 7 a. m., WILLIAM A. M'INTOSH, son of Ellen (McClaney) and the late Alexander McIntosh of Bellevue, Pa., aged 30 years.

Funeral services will be held at the home of his mother, 77 Sprague avenue, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment Monday, private.

MUIR—On Friday, December 16, 1904, at 3:15 p. m., LESLIE MUIR, in his 67th year, late of Dundee, Scotland.

Funeral from residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Joseph S. Phillips, at No. 36 Ellsworth avenue, Bellevue, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

RICE—On Friday, December 16, 1904, at 3:30 p. m., GERTRUDE, daughter of B. F. and Emma Thler Rice, aged 19 months and 10 days.

Funeral services at the family residence, 1037 Penn avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa., Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m. Interment private.

ROEGER—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 11:15 a. m., at her residence, 67 Van Braam street, ANNA MARGARET ROEGER (nee Zeelhofer), wife of George Ph. Roeger, in her 59th year.

Funeral services on Tuesday, December 20, 1904, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

ROE—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 10:20 p. m., at her home on Walnut street, Sewickley, Pa., Mrs. MARY E. ROE, in her 79th year.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

STINSON—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 7 a. m., ANNA ERME STINSON, daughter of James and Mary Stinson (nee Lally), aged 1 year 10 months.

Funeral from her parents' residence, Stinson landing, West Carson street, Thirty-fourth ward, on Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WILLIAMS—On Thursday, December 15, 1904, MARY A. WILLIAMS, relict of Joseph D. Williams, in the 83d year of her age.

Funeral services to be held at her late residence, Boston, Pa., Monday, December 19, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m. Interment in Mt. Vernon cemetery. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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The Death Roll

John Sample.

John Sample, one of the best known citizens of Allegheny, died yesterday at 8:30 o'clock a. m. at his home, 17 Alpine avenue, at the age of 89. Mr. Sample was vigorous until two weeks ago, when the infirmities of old age manifested themselves. He took to his bed, but fought for life until last Wednesday, when he became unconscious, remaining in that condition until his death. Mr. Sample was born in the old stone house of the Sample family in Hampton township on the Evergreen road, near Bennett. The house is still standing and is occupied by the family of his cousin, the late H. K. Sample. He married Miss Mary Hays at the age of 20, and in 1860 moved to Allegheny. Mrs. Sample died more than 30 years ago. Mr. Sample was a carpenter, but retired some years since. Until 10 years ago he was a great hunter and gave up his trips when his daughters became alarmed at a slight accident which befell him. He had two sons, Edward Hays and James Taggart Sample, who died in early manhood. He is survived by his two daughters, the Misses Sarah C. and Virginia Sample. He was the last male member of his immediate family. The family is one of the oldest in Pittsburgh and vicinity, for Mr. Sample's grandfather was one of the earliest settlers here. The deceased was a nephew of the second mayor of Allegheny, Thomas Sample.

William H. Speer.

William H. Speer, aged 65, a veteran of the civil war and for many years an active Republican worker in Braddock, died at his home in Second street, Braddock, at noon yesterday, after a two weeks' illness, due to pneumonia. Deceased was born near Elizabeth and early in life spent several years as a pilot on the local rivers. He enlisted in the Eighth Pennsylvania volunteers at the outbreak of the war and served with distinction for three years and three months. At the close of the war he married Mary A. Fritzius, daughter of George Fritzius, a pioneer settler of Braddock. For many years Mr. Speer was a contractor and erected a number of the large buildings in Braddock and vicinity. He was a deputy sheriff for five terms of three years, and also served as a clerk in the sheriff's office and as a clerk to George B. Miller, clerk of courts. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Braddock; a charter member of Maj. A. M. Harper post G. A. R., Valetta Commandery Knights of Malta and of General Braddock council Sr. O. U. A. M. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Randolph E. Speer, of the First National bank, Braddock; Josiah E. Speer of Zanesville, O., and Miss Emma May Speer at home. One brother and two sisters survive: Josiah Speer and Mrs. Anna Wycoff of Elizabeth, and Mrs. Tillie Echley of Hazelwood.

The Rev. Father C. Krogman.

The Rev. Father C. Krogman, aged 47, rector of St. Wendelius Roman Catholic church at Carrick, died yesterday afternoon at the parish house. Father Krogman was born in Oldenburg, Germany, and received his education in the universities of Germany. He finished his studies for the priesthood at St. Vincent's seminary, near Latrobe. He was ordained in 1888, and his first charge was St. Joseph's church in Bloomfield. Afterward in succession he served the following parishes: St. Alfonsus, Wexford; St. Aloysius, Reserve township; St. Joseph's, Verona; St. Wendelius, Carrick. He went to the last named charge three years ago. A large parish school building, funds for which were raised by his efforts, is now in course of construction. Father Krogman is survived by his father, two brothers and one sister, all living in Germany. Solemn requiem high mass will be offered in St. Wendelius church Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The office for the dead will be chanted at 9:30 a. m.

Mrs. Mary Tomer.

Mrs. Mary Tomer, who for almost 80 years had been a resident of Pittsburgh, most of that time living in the East End district, died at 5:10 yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. T. Stewart, 6947 Hamilton avenue. About three weeks ago she fell while walking across the floor and broke her leg. The accident produced paralysis and subsequently death. She was 87 years old and was born in Lancaster county. Her husband, William Tomer, one of the best known residents of the East End, died about twelve years ago. Mrs. Tomer's maiden name was Krafft. She was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church and the funeral services will be held from that church Monday morning, interment in St. Mary's cemetery. She is survived by one brother, Gustav Krafft, of this city, and the following children: George P. Tomer, Mrs. William Deems, Mrs. John Tomer, Miss Mary Tomer and Mrs. A. T. Stewart.

Leslie Muir.

Leslie Muir, aged 66, is dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. David S. Phillips, 36 Ellsworth avenue, Bellevue. He was born in Dundee, Scotland, and lived there until 15 months ago. Since then he had lived with his daughter. Mr. Muir was an expert stone cutter and for many years conducted a monument business in Dundee. His widow and daughter, Mrs. Phillips of Bellevue, and one son, James Muir, of Ashton street, Allegheny, survive.

William J. Householder.

William J. Householder, aged 32, assistant superintendent of public works of Braddock, died yesterday afternoon at Mercy hospital. He was born in Braddock. His father, Johnson Householder, who was one of the pioneer residents of Braddock, died last July. The deceased had been assistant superintendent of public works for 12 years. He is survived by his widow at the home in Ninth street, and two brothers, Samuel L. Householder of Braddock and Thomas G. Householder of Swissvale.

Henry W. Boedecker.

Henry W. Boedecker, aged 63, died yesterday morning at his residence, 121 Evergreen avenue, Millvale. He was born in Germany and settled on the South Side in 1848, but for the past 33 years had resided in Millvale. He had been engaged in the shoe business, but at the time of his death was an inspector for the Standard Manufacturing Company of Allegheny. He was a member of the German Evangelical Lutheran church and is survived by a widow and six children.

John Minto.

John Minto, aged 22, a solo trombone player in the Homestead Carnegie Library band, died in the Mercy hospital late Friday from an attack of typhoid fever. Deceased was well known in musical circles and played in several bands in this vicinity. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence in Hazelwood. The members of the Homestead band will attend in a body.

Mrs. Caroline Donaldson.

Mrs. Caroline Donaldson, aged 75, widow of Dr. Feilding Donaldson, died at Greenville, yesterday. Her husband, who was one of the pioneer physicians of Greenville, died seven years ago. Mrs. Donaldson was born in Beaver county and was a sister of the late B. F. Jones of Pittsburgh. One son, Dr. James Donaldson of Greenville, survives.

Obituary Notes.

Mrs. Margaret A. Townsen, wife of Labana Townsen, died at Apollo Friday night from heart failure, aged 81. Mrs. Townsen was one of Apollo's oldest residents, having moved there shortly after her marriage, 63 years ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. The deceased was a daughter of the late John A. Patterson of McKeesport. Her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Hugh G. Owens and Mrs. James Hart, both of Apollo, survive.

Arrivals at Pittsburgh Hotels.

Duquesne—F. M. Reid, Wilson; R. Bruser, Brownsville.

Henry—W. F. Dank, Easton; H. Neverback, Wheeling; H. E. Jepson, Canton; W. L. Denning, Salem; E. McAleenan, New Castle.

Antler—J. B. Eakin, Youngstown.

Colonial—E. M. Larson, Parkersburg; R. Snowden, Canonsburg; W. M. Swanstedt, Punxsutawney; C. H. Beach, McDonald.

Lincoln—S. W. Jones, Canton.

Griswold—S. T. Meyers, Latrobe; S. P. Simpson, Altoona.

Monongahela House—D. W. Franklin, West Newton; S. T. Meyers, Greensburg; J. R. Jones, Sharon.

Newells—T. R. McCauliff, Beaver; H. R. Bauer, Johnstown; C. I. Lewis, New Castle.

Seventh Avenue—H. E. Franklin, Johnstown; B. E. Augustine, Suter; W. R. Johnston, Latrobe; B. N. Bigley, Connellsville.

PRACTICAL AND ATTRACTIVE.

Messrs. Bisi & Caprini, importers and dealers in delicatessen, No. 10 Diamond square, have just issued their calendar for the year 1905. The calendar is in every sense a very unique production, being designed to be just a little more useful and practical than the ordinary styles of calendars. The regulation pad of the 12 months is mounted upon an agreeably shaped antique board upon which there is affixed a thermometer and photographic reproduction of a popular painting.

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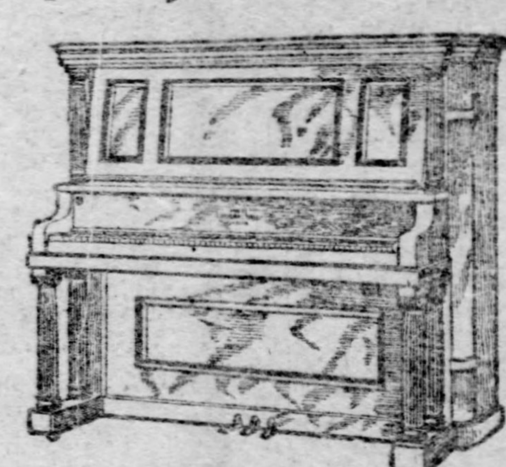
In Our Entire Store
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Then, for those who have no one to play the piano by hand, and yet who would like to have a thoroughly musical home—and provide for it before Christmas Day—here is the additional offer, which brings the splendid possibility within the reach of all—
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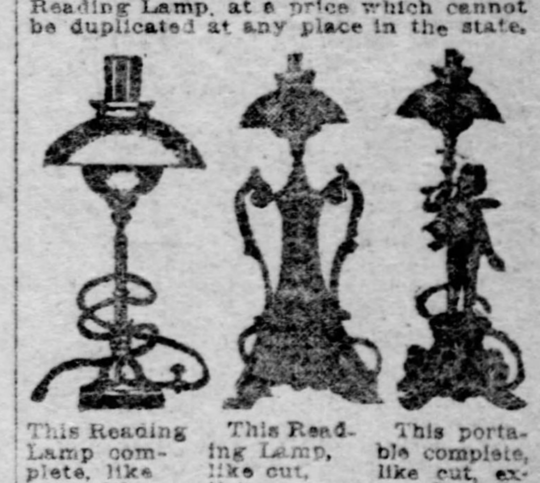
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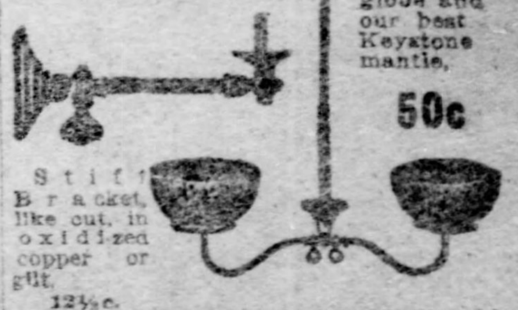
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SOLONS CAN MEET IN NEW CAPITOL

Building Will Be Ready and Comfortable for Opening of the Legislature.

THE GOVERNOR IS SATISFIED

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU.
HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 17.

The new state capitol will be ready for the meeting of the next legislature, and will be as comfortable and convenient as was the temporary building at the last legislative session. This assertion is made on the authority of Samuel B. Rambo, supervising engineer in charge of the construction of the capitol.

The assembly halls and 20 committee rooms are about ready to be furnished, and much of the furniture and carpets are on the ground ready to be placed; all the heating and lighting machinery has been installed; the connections have been made in the lavatories and toilet rooms, and the two high speed elevators leading to the senate and house chambers will soon be in running order.

There is still much work to be done, however, before the building is made habitable, but by working the large army of employes day and night for the next two weeks, as is now being done, Mr. Rambo and everybody else in authority about the capitol are confident it will be in condition for the meeting of the legislature January 3. There may be some minor defects in the building at the opening of the session, but these can easily be corrected during the customary two weeks' recess which will be taken immediately after the organization to enable the presiding officers of the senate and house to make up their standing committees and complete the details for the real work of the session.

The mechanical work in the senate chamber is about completed, and the room ready for the carpet, which will be put down Monday, after which the desks and other furniture will be arranged. The work on the house chamber has been delayed by the non-arrival of a large shipment of ornamental marble, which arrived today and will at once be put in position.

The work in this chamber has been so arranged that the setting of this marble will not interfere with the laying of the carpets and the placing of the furniture, all of which Mr. Rambo expects to have completed by next Saturday night. The electric light fixtures will be installed in the coming week and two of the five large boilers used for heating purposes are going day and night, so there should be no trouble about heating and lighting the building.

The committee rooms and apartments for the clerks of the senate and house will be furnished within the next 10 days, by which time the house caucus room will be ready to be furnished. Gov. Pennypacker and other state officials have inspected the building the last few days and are now satisfied it will be ready for the legislature.

George F. Payne & Co. of Philadelphia, contractors for the capitol, will continue through the winter the work on the building without interfering with the legislative session. All the granite has been set, except on the dome, on a small space on the east side, and on the front of the building. Much of the granite needed is now on the ground, and will be set during the winter if the weather is not too cold.

During the session the entrance to the building will be from the south wing. This will enable the contractors to work on the upper floors of this wing, the main entrance and corridors, and the north wing.

The decorations by Edwin A. Abbey and Miss Violet Oakley and the sculpture work by George Gray Barnard will not be placed until after the building is thoroughly dried.

There is every reason to believe that, with the progress now being made on the building, it will be completed within the appropriation of $4,000,000 by next October, and will be ready formally to be handed over to the state on January 1, 1906, when the life of the capitol commission expires.

FOURTEEN GET LICENSES.

Seventeen Applicants to Sell Liquor on Transfers Heard in Quarter Sessions Court.

Before Judges Collier and Macfarlane in liquor license court 17 applicants were heard for the transfer of their licenses. Of this number 14 were successful, two were refused and one was withdrawn.

Those whose licenses were transferred are: John Kertesz, 603 Dickson street, Homestead, to Andreas Berzmay and Heinrich Hieba; John A. Carlson, deceased, 720 Braddock avenue, Braddock, to Wilhelmina Carlson; Arnold Artho, 345 Eighth avenue, Homestead, to Michael Mazone; John P. Haley and Harry A. Haley, Dickson street, Homestead, to Harry A. Haley; Berthold Albiez and Emil Albiez, 615 Eighth avenue, Homestead, to Berthold Albiez; Michael J. Roland, Sixth avenue and Amnity street, Homestead, to James McDermott; John G. Wisener, 1306 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh, to Josef Prezorski; Nicholas Eberhart, Perrysville plank road, Ross township, to Willis M. Kopp; Christian Echard, 312 Braddock avenue, Braddock, to Fritz Totzke and Peter Schmidt; Henry Weitzel, 61-63 Bates street, Pittsburgh, to Michael Burke; Roman Panasiewicz, 176 East Duquesne avenue, Duquesne, to Vincent Billski; Jerome M. Keller, 628 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, to Walter B. Elliott; Sadie Siegwarth, 123-125 South Twenty-first street, Pittsburgh, to James Reed; Michael Mackin, 1143 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh, to George B. Hayward.

Those refused were: John A. Joyse, from 8-10-12 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh, to 408-410 Ferry street; John Beck, 117 Southern avenue, Mt. Oliver borough, to Ignatz Babinger.

The one withdrawn was Catherine Rohe, 601-603 Carson street, Pittsburgh, to Philip Fraehlick.

THEFTS ON THE RIVER.

Plunder Found in the Neighborhood and Three Men Are Arrested.

John Martin, aged 24, of Magnolia street; John Campbell, aged 28, of Chartiers street, and Walter Roe of Laurel street, all of Allegheny, were arrested at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the Ohio river bank in the vicinity of Beaver avenue and Greenwood street.

At the foot of Locust street, Allegheny, seven flatboats are moored. They are owned by Contractor Fred Gwinner. Martin, Campbell and Roe are accused of stealing a quantity of junk from the boats, including about 200 pounds of hemp rope, iron and some blankets. The material was found stored along the water front not far from Locust street. It is supposed that preparations were under way for removing the material to a safer retreat.

A number of thefts have been reported in this district.

ROSES BLOOM IN BERLIN.

Children Chase Butterfly in Unter Den Linden—Mild Weather Prevails in Northern Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Christmas shoppers stopped in the Unter Den Linden today to watch children chase a slow wing butterfly, one of several indications of the singularly warm weather in Northern Germany. Some roses are still blooming in the open air in Victoria Louise square and a chestnut tree in Bellevue street is breaking into bloom. The thermometer today registered 54 degrees.

The long continued mildness of the weather, according to trade periodicals, is greatly injuring the shoe, clothing and fur trade.

Want a Permanent Organization.

A meeting of the presidents and vice presidents of the "peace" meeting held in the Eighth street temple on Thursday evening, October 13, has been called to take place in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, December 27, when plans for a permanent organization will be discussed.

Marchand May Become a Deputy.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Col. Marchand announces that he will give his final answer tomorrow on the question whether he will be a candidate to succeed the late M. Syveton in the chamber of deputies. It is expected that his answer will be favorable. Marchand's friends predict that he will be another Boulanger.

JUDGE THREATENS THE NEWSPAPERS

Forbids Them to Publish Anything More of Proceedings in Spang Case.

HE CAUSED ALMOST A RIOT

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU.
Herald Building, Herald Square.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

After hearing evidence all day, in supreme court chambers, Brooklyn, in the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by H. J. Bebro for the release of Miss Mabel Spang, the 19-year-old daughter of Charles H. Spang, of Pittsburgh, from a sanitarium in Yonkers, Judge Marean today enjoined all persons present from discussing the case. He declared that if they did discuss it, or if any paper published the proceedings, he would punish them for contempt of court.

This ruling by Judge Marean came near causing a riot in the corridors of the court house at the close of the morning session. The judge came out of his chambers, which had been guarded with two attendants at each door, and saw a large crowd in the corridor.

"Are there any newspaper men here?" he asked. At least 30 reporters, artists and photographers came forward.

"You can all get out of here," the judge said. "There will be no news here for you. The public does not care anything about this case, and I will punish any person who gives it to a newspaper for publication."

When the reporters began to talk with persons who had been in the chambers, the judge ordered the corridors to be cleared. The court attendants pushed and shoved the crowd down the hall. One man asked the judge if he intended that persons in the corridors should be hustled out by a lot of "ruffians."

"I ordered them to do it," the judge replied.

"I was also ordered to see you," said the man.

"I do not want to talk to you."

"At least, I am entitled to have you tell me that, and not to be shoved and hauled around as if I had committed some high crime."

The afternoon session continued until almost 6 o'clock. Every man who came out of the room declared the judge had enjoined him not to discuss the case in any way, and that he would punish any person so talking, for contempt of court. This Judge Marean confirmed when he came from chambers. He refused to say anything about the case except that it was not concluded. He declared he had reasons.

It was found a new lawyer had appeared in the case in the person of Charles S. Bacon, a former law partner of David B. Hill. He came out with the attorneys for Mrs. Spang, mother of the girl.

Much of the evidence taken today regarding Miss Spang's mental condition was by medical experts. Miss Spang was on the stand part of the time herself. Among the physicians present during the hearing were Dr. Joseph P. York, Dr. Joseph O'Connell, Dr. M. J. Echeverria and Dr. Graeme Hammond. Miss Josephine Scism, a friend of Miss Spang, sat in the outer room all through the hearing, and Miss Spang was not brought out of chambers until Miss Scism and her friends had left the building. At the conclusion of the hearing Miss Spang was ordered back to the sanitarium, and the next hearing in the case was set down for January 10.

It was learned today that, in accordance with an order issued by Judge Marean, Miss Spang was allowed to go yesterday unaccompanied to the office of Mr. Bambrich, who is counsel for Mr. Bebro. Attorney Bambrich requested the privilege of having a private interview with the young woman. When Miss Spang was giving her testimony today a telegram was handed her. The message consisted of but one word, "Congratulations." It was signed by Judge James Bredin of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Bredin was formerly leading counsel for the girl's father, and the one word from him means much to her. Congratulations are supposed to be in order now, Miss Spang thinks since testimony to the effect that she is of sane mind has been given.

Mr. Bebro, when seen today, declared his lips had been sealed by the court. He said he intended to stick by the girl until he saw she had received proper treatment.

GREAT LOCKOUT IS THREATENED

Half Holiday and Other Concessions Refused Workmen by Master Plasterers.

MAY IMPORT NON-UNION MEN

The dispute between the master plasterers and workmen over the demands of the union for a Saturday half holiday assumed a serious aspect yesterday when the master plasterers gave an ultimatum to the officials of the union. What the ultimatum was could not be learned, but it was given out if the men did not accept the conditions set forth in the final decision of the master plasterers non-union men would be brought to the city to take the place of the strikers.

All week both sides have held joint conferences with a view of arriving at a solution of the dispute, but instead of effecting a settlement the two sides drifted apart. Should men be imported to take the place of strikers, it will inevitably result in a general lockout being called by the Builders' Exchange league. It is an accepted fact the other trades will not consent to work with non-union men.

One feature preventing a settlement is the fact that the members of the exchange know the other building trades will demand the concessions given the plasterers. To allow this would credit the plasterers with being the dominant trade in the building industry, and permit them to boast of winning better conditions for all the building trades. Thus the fight resolves itself into one between all the building trades and the contractors.

The plasterers will hold a special meeting Wednesday at which the members will be asked to act on the ultimatum. Should they accept it, the special committee will hold a joint conference with the master plasterers and agree upon a scale for next year which in its makeup will include an open shop and the scale to terminate December 31. Should the men refuse the ultimatum, the contractors will begin the fight in earnest.

Girls Complained of Annoyance.

In answer to complaints from working girls of the Sixteenth ward, Capt. Welsh of the Penn avenue police station has been looking for a man who was said to be in the habit of accosting them. Yesterday morning a man giving his name as Joseph Bushel, aged 45, was arrested as he detained a young girl at Thirty-second street and Penn avenue. The girl fled from him. Magistrate Kirby sentenced him to 30 days in the workhouse.

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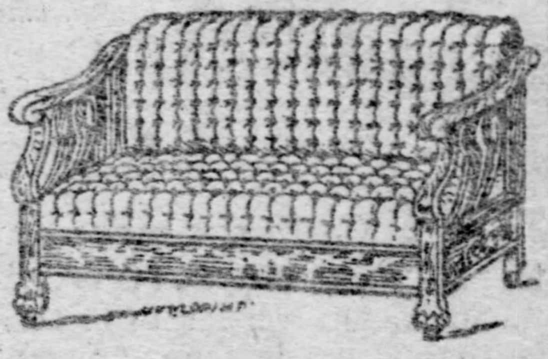
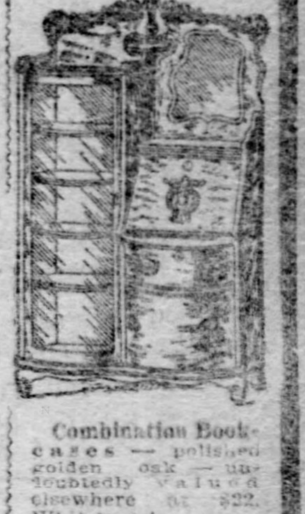


Davenport— — high-grade mahogany frame, upholstered in beautiful veronas. In the "big-expense" stores equal grade sells for $50.00. White's price $33



Combination Bookcases — polished golden oak — undoubtedly valued elsewhere at $22. White's price $15.50

Music Cabinet—beautiful pattern in golden oak or mahogany—in the high-rent district $11.50 is its price. At White's for $7.75

Others from $5.50 up to $58.00.

Sideboard—one of the handsome latest patterns in quartered and polished golden oak—a very high-grade product. In Pittsburgh its price is $44. At White's...... $31

Other Sideboards from $12.50 up to $400.00.

Extension Table—splendid pillar styles—highest grade workmanship. In other stores it is marked $40. White's price...... $23.75

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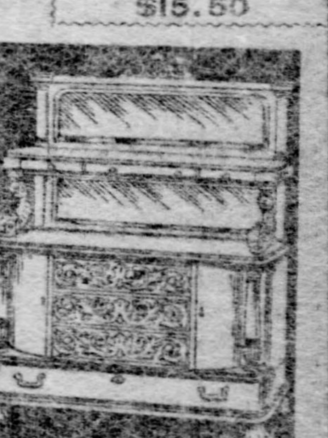
Diningroom Chair—genuine leather box seat—the $4.50 value of other stores White's price $2.85

Other Dinginroom chairs up to $12.50.



Buffet—an especially fine pattern, in either golden Oak, Flemish, Antwerp or Weathered—$105.00 is price of it elsewhere. White's price.. $66.75

Other Buffets and Side Tables, from $8 up to $259.

Dressing Table—exquisite pattern in golden oak or mahogany—worth $22, for $16

Others from $7.50 up to $63.00.

Leather Turkish Chairs and Rockers—large variety of splendid productions, upholstered in highest grade of genuine leather and best hair filled—worth $55—for $37.50

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Leather Couch—upholstered with very best of genuine leather—best steel constructed springs—no less than $45 will buy it in Pittsburgh. At White's for............ $32

Other Leather Couches from $20 up to $120.

Velour Couch—handsomely and substantially built—upholstered in nice patterns of velour; worth $13.50. White's price............ $8.25

Other Velour Couches from $6 to $35.

Morris Chair—cushions upholstered in lovely patterns of velour—frame of polished oak or mahogany—$11.00 in Pittsburgh stores—White's Price $7.65

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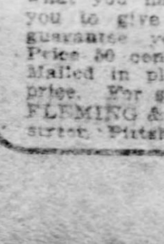

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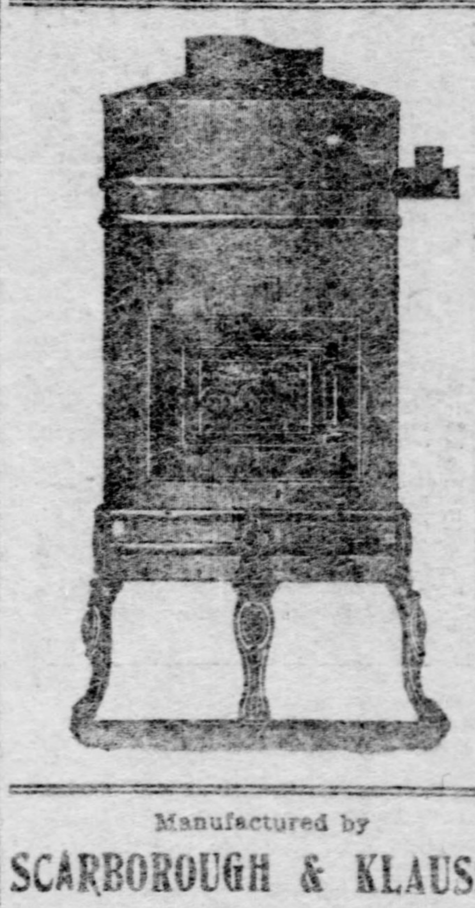

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SCARBOROUGH & KLAUSS,

3809 Fifth Avenue,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Your Heart

is a wonderful pump that works incessantly, averaging seventy 30-pound strokes a minute, and forcing from 20 to 30 pounds of blood throughout the body each minute.

The power that keeps this wonderful pump in motion is nerve-force, the energy furnished by the nerves.

Disease, over-exertion, fright, anxiety, alcohol, tobacco and other stimulants weaken these nerves, but the heart, instead of stopping, makes extraordinary efforts and causes heart strain.

Then comes shortness of breath, heart palpitation, dizziness, etc., because the nerves are too weak to furnish power. Take the only safe remedy,

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure

It feeds, strengthens and builds up the nerves and muscles of the heart so they can supply the necessary energy.

"Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is a marvelous remedy. I always use it when cardiac trouble is present. It meets the indications surely and completely."—C. F. P. BURCHMORE, M. D., 496 Mass. Ave., Boston, Mass.

The first bottle will benefit, if not, the druggist will return your money.

WINTER SUITS

and Overcoats—perfectly tailored at about the same prices you would pay for ready-made clothing.

DICKSON, The Tailor,

341-3 Fifth Ave., Second Floor.

RAILROADS.

Pittsburgh Union Station.

Pennsylvania Lines.

By Central Standard Time.

TRAINS.	LEAVE.	ARRIVE.
Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis	*1.10 am	*1.45 am
Fort Wayne and Chicago	*2.15 am	*2.15 am
Tiffin and Toledo	†3.15 am	*5.50 pm
Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Louis	*4.50 am	*6.00 am
Columbus and Cincinnati	*4.50 am	*8.40 pm
Alliance and Crestline	†6.00 am	*6.30 pm
Cleveland and Bellaire	†6.20 am	†7.25 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	†6.20 am	‡6.55 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	†6.20 am	†1.05 pm
New Castle and Erie	*6.30 am	†8.20 pm
New Castle and Erie	*6.30 am	†10.25 am
Youngstown and Ashtabula	‡6.30 am	‡5.50 pm
Ohio Valley Express	†6.50 am	†8.50 pm
Salem and Alliance	*7.00 am	†10.40 pm
Fort Wayne and Chicago	*7.00 am	*6.50 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	†7.30 am	†4.55 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	‡7.30 am	‡6.55 pm
Mercer and Oil City	†7.35 am	†10.25 am
Jamestown and New Castle	†7.35 am	†1.20 pm
Jamestown and New Castle	†7.35 am	*8.25 am
Youngstown and Ashtabula	†7.35 am	†8.50 pm
The Cleveland Express	*8.00 am	*8.40 pm
Columbus and Cincinnati	*8.00 am	*5.40 pm
The Toledo Special	*11.30 am	*8.30 pm
Columbus and Chicago	12.15 pm	*2.00 pm
Youngstown, Ashtabula & Jamest'n	*12.25 pm	†5.50 pm
Jamestown and Ashtabula	†12.25 pm	†10.25 am
Cleveland and Bellaire	†1.25 pm	†1.05 pm
Alliance and Mansfield	*1.55 pm	†1.50 pm
The St. Louis Special	*2.00 pm	*3.15 pm
East Liverpool and Steubenville	‡4.05 pm	†7.40 am
New Castle and Erie	†4.30 pm	‡5.50 pm
Mercer and Oil City	†4.30 pm	†8.20 pm
Niles and Youngstown	*4.30 pm	†1.20 pm
Jamestown, Youngstown and Niles	*4.30 pm	*8.30 pm
The Cleveland Special	*5.00 pm	*11.15 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	†5.05 pm	†8.40 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	‡5.10 pm	‡9.10 am
The Chicago Special	*6.00 pm	*7.45 am
Columbus and Indianapolis	*8.10 pm	*5.55 am
The St. Louis Limited	*8.10 pm	*5.55 am
Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville	*8.15 pm	*6.00 am
The Pennsylvania Limited	*8.15 pm	*6.00 am
Toledo and Detroit Express	*8.20 pm	*6.35 am
Beaver Falls and New Castle	†11.40 pm	*5.00 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	*11.00 pm	*5.40 am

Leave for Washington, Pa., †6.00 am, †7.30 am, †9.00 am, †9.45 am, †1.30 pm, †3.10 pm, †4.10 pm, ‡5.15 pm, †5.20 pm, †6.20 pm, †9.20 pm, †10.50 pm.

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Leave for Steubenville, *5.40 am, †8.25 am, †4.25 pm, †10.55 pm, †11.35 am.

Leave for Dennison, *5.40 am, †2.30 pm.

Leave Allegheny for Salem and Alliance, †3.25 pm.

*Every day. †Week days only. ‡Sundays only.

WABASH

TRAINS LEAVE WABASH STATION DAILY
Corner Liberty Ave. and Ferry St.

Central Time.	Depart.	Arrive.
Toledo and St. Louis	8:00 am	7:35 pm
Bridgeville and Hickory	10:00 am	1:00 pm
St. Louis and Kansas City	1:00 pm	4:00 pm
Bridgeville and Steubenville	4:30 pm	7:25 am
Chicago and St. Louis	9:30 pm	6:25 am

Pullman Sleepers and Free Reclining Chair Cars on through trains.

Full information regarding rates, etc., cheerfully furnished at City Ticket Office, 320 Fifth ave., or Ticket Office, Wabash Station.

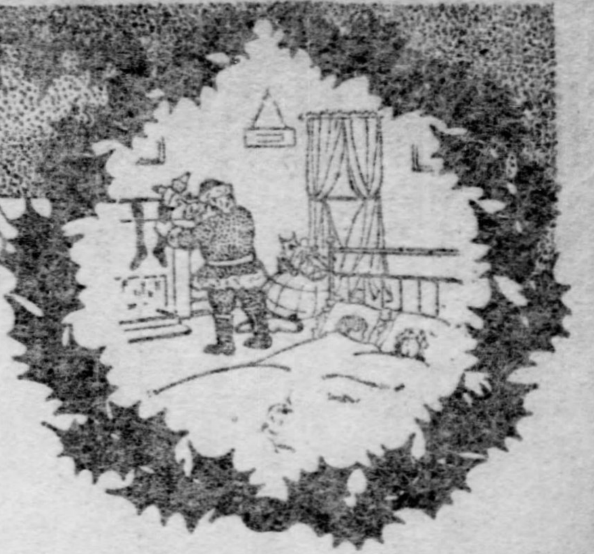
WEST SIDE BELT.

Local trains leave Wabash station, Pittsburgh, on Central time, at 6:30 am, 9:10 am, 2:05 pm, 4:40 pm. Trains arrive Pittsburgh 8:05 am, 7:55 am, 1:15 pm, 4:15 pm.

KAUFMANN'S
"THE BIG STORE"

When possible and convenient please take small packages with you, as our delivery is taxed to the limit now—and then, you know, small packages are liable to go astray during the great Christmas rush.

Ask the first salesperson who serves you for a transfer—if you care for one. It will certainly save you time—and skip waits for change—and the packages will all go home together.



Christmas buying is now at its highest tension

Only six more days in which to do your Christmas shopping. If you would be sure of best service despite the great throngs come to the city's greatest store, the store that's always ready to serve you right.

The great public feels a confidence in this great store—a confidence born of years of satisfactory transactions—a confidence in the merchandise, business principles, methods and in the spoken and written statements. Accordingly, every person selected in this store possesses a marked degree of recognized merit.

In all of this December business it is the emphatic wish of this house that every sale or transaction shall be so carefully made and so satisfactorily complete that the customer, if a stranger, shall from that moment become a regular patron of the store, or if already a customer, that he or she shall be still more closely attached to this, Pittsburgh's greatest mercantile institution.

Candy

WHO doesn't like candy? If in doubt what to get, you couldn't make a better choice than candy. It appeals to everyone, young and old alike. There is no more complete candy store in Pittsburgh than ours. We have the exclusive sale in Pittsburgh for

The Apollo Chocolates—Admittedly the best chocolates made.

Also the Allegrette chocolate creams, and Huyler's.

A complete line from the tiny novelties to the 5-pound boxes—fresh by express daily—some special items for Monday follow:

5-pound box assorted chocolates—value $2, for 1.25.

5-pound box walnut pillows for 1.25.

5-pound box K. B. mixed, value $2, for 1.25.

1-pound box special mixed chocolates, trimmed with holly 25c.

Sale of 50,000 Christmas handkerchiefs

—all kinds, to please all fancies and purses, as the prices range from 5c up to as many dollars. But every handkerchief is offered at a saving price—a lower one than quoted anywhere else for the same. Some of the values are quite remarkable—take those 25c handkerchiefs for 15c as an illustration.

Women's initial handkerchiefs—sheer and medium weight linen—daintily embroidered with a small initial, surrounded with wreath or butterfly design—especially priced at 8⅓c, 12½c and 25c

Women's lace-trimmed handkerchiefs—200 styles, embracing every new idea of lace edge and inserting—fine sheer linen centers—exceptionally good value at..... 25c

Beautiful hand embroidered, scalloped edge and hemstitched linen handkerchiefs, special at..... 48c

Women's real lace handkerchiefs—a sample line of fine duchesse and point lace handkerchiefs—only one or two of a kind, at three special prices.... 2.50, 3.50 and 4.50

Extra special

We've just effected a very fortunate purchase of 300 dozen pretty swiss embroidered handkerchiefs. They represent a large maker's excess stock—all are new and dainty patterns—hemstitched or scalloped edge—every one is a positive 25c value—a large table full in main aisle at..... 15c

Children's handkerchiefs—children's pretty colored border handkerchiefs, put up three in a fancy picture box—per box..... 15c

Extra special

Six 25c handkerchiefs for 1.00—you'll lay in a supply for your own personal use as well as for gifts to others when you see what splendid values these are. They're very fine quality hand-drawn hemstitched linen handkerchiefs, with ⅛ or ¼-in. hem—six of them in a beautiful box—regular price $1.50—tomorrow..... 1.00

Children's initial handkerchiefs—a fancy picture box containing three children's embroidered handkerchiefs, plain white or colored initial—splendid value at..... 25c box

A neat Christmas box with every handkerchief purchase—real handsome ones with purchase of $1.00 or over. A fancy box adds tone to the gift.

Men's initial handkerchiefs—soft finish, ready for use—15c kind for 9c, or..... 3 for 25c

Men's initial handkerchiefs—large size, 6 in fancy box, 75c; each.. 15c

Men's fine pure Irish linen initial handkerchiefs—6 for 1.40, each. 25c

Men's pure linen initial handkerchiefs—3 for 50c, each..... 19c

Men's fine pure Irish linen handkerchiefs—hemstitched, all width hems, three for 50c; each..... 19c

Men's fine pure Irish linen handkerchiefs, extra large, all width hems, regular 35c kind, special..... 29c

Neckwear

Imitation Irish crochet collar and cuff sets—can hardly be told from the real hand made ones—at three special prices, 98c, 1.25 and.. 1.50

Other beautiful collar and cuff sets—in embroidered linen, Valenciennes lace, Venise lace and pleated lawn, per set, 25c, 48c and..... 75c

Beautiful new jabots—in artistic combinations of chiffon, liberty silk, net, Venise, applique, beads, juby trimmings, etc.—each in a neat box—3.75 down to..... 25c

Table silverware: Big savings

EVERY housekeeper will appreciate a gift of silverware—for it will not only last practically a lifetime, but during all these years will do splendid duty in table service. The following items tell of unusual saving chances:

Complete tea sets—consisting of tea pot, sugar bowl, cream pitcher and spoon holder, quadruple plated on pure white metal, finished in French gray—just 50 sets to go at, each..... 3.98

100 nut and fruit bowls—exquisitely designed, splendid workmanship, quadruple plated, burnished and heavy gold lined—special..... 3.98

65 bakers—quadruple plated on the finest white metal, either burnished or French gray finish—special..... 2.50

150 candelabras—pleasing Colonial shape, 5-light, quadruple plated, hand burnished, special at..... 3.98

200 bonbon and almond dishes—quadruple plated, hand burnished, in a number of different designs, special, each..... 85c

125 butter dishes—made of hard white metal, quadruple plated, satin finished with border; on feet—special.... 2.50

6 picture Specials

For tomorrow

20-in. circles of fruits, game, dogs heads and Pharaoh's Horses; 3-in. Dutch oak frame—worth up to $2, special Monday..... 98c

Tabor's hand colored artotypes—large size, framed in 2-in. Roman gold with heavy corners—worth up to $4, special Monday at..... 1.98

Beautiful ideal heads and figures of famous beauties, reproduced in rich colors and most artistically framed—worth up to $7.50, special Monday at 4.98 and..... 3.48

Richly framed water colors—photogravures, engravings and life subjects, at 37.50, 25.00, 18.00, 12.50 and..... 4.98

Large size hand painted pastels, by Chandler—landscapes and marine scenes; heavy double deck gold frame, with burnished ornaments—real $10 pictures, at..... 5.98

Artists' proof etchings, by Anderson—30x40 in., framed in broad Flemish oak, real value $15 to $20, special Monday.. 10.98

Opera Glasses

FROM the many special values in the optical goods dept. we've singled out the following for special mention:

Genuine Marchand pearl opera glasses—with pearl handle attached, fitted with finest acromatic lenses; case finished with 22-k gold, special at..... 9.98

Large size morocco cased opera glasses—with good acromatic lenses, made by one of the best makers of France, our special price..... 1.48

Fancy thermometers are here in greatest variety, most artistic designs, finished with 24-k ormolu gold—prices..... 25c to 5.00

Large silk opera bags—in all the new shades, special tomorrow at only..... 48c

Solid gold rimless eyeglasses—with patent nose guards, fitted with best crystal lenses, exclusive optician's price $4, our price..... 2.50

Women's kid gloves

OUR latest importation of holiday kid gloves for women has just arrived—this importation augments our stock very materially, making the showing more complete now than we have ever before known.

AN EASY WAY TO PRESENT A GIFT GRACEFULLY IS TO BUY A GLOVE CERTIFICATE—WE MAKE THEM OUT FOR ANY AMOUNT.

Women's fine French kid gloves—made of soft, pliable skins that conform perfectly to the hand, two-clasp and over-seam sewn, with the new silk-embroidered backs; come in all shades, unmatched elsewhere under $1, our special price..... 75c

People used to paying $1.50 for their gloves tell us that our "Juliette" at 1.00 the pair are quite equal to those for which they regularly pay a half dollar more. Made of selected skins, come in pique and over-seam sewn, silk-embroidered or Paris point backs, all colors and sizes—positively the best glove ever sold at the price of..... 1.00

Our "Norwood" gloves at 1.50 compare most favorably with the best sold elsewhere at $2 per pair, made of the finest French kid—come in two and three-clasp style, over-seam sewn with Paris point back, every pair guaranteed..... 1.50

Latest holiday novelty in women's kid gloves—made of the finest French kid, with colored kid-lined cuff to be worn reversed; these French gloves come in all combinations of colors, just the thing for a charming Christmas gift to your lady friend—per pair..... 2.25

Holiday perfumes

WHAT would more delightfully please Milady than a dainty bottle of sweet scented perfume or toilet water?

Our stock contains the most fragrant odors, put up in the daintiest possible manner, marked fully 30% below drug store prices.

Riker's choicest extracts—¾-oz. bottle in a handsomely decorated box; all odors including Riker's special "Rose Regal," per box 25c

Hudnut's extracts—in assorted odors, each in a beautiful box, 10c..... 50c

Cloth covered hot water bottles—made of the best pure gum, each in a special box—regular price $1.50, special tomorrow at..... 1.25

Handsome box—containing a ½ oz. bottle Violet perfume, a cake of soap and a bottle of sachet powder—all for..... 25c

Santa Claus' toy wonderland and doll fairyland

HAVE you acted the part of Santa Claus in the matter of toys as far as the buying of them is concerned? If not you should come to "The Big Store's" toyland on the fifth floor tomorrow. Bring in the children to see the myriad of new and pretty things—the wonderful mechanical toys, the unique circus, the latest spinning top invention, the thousands of dolls, etc., etc.—yes, indeed, bring them often to this land of joy—what raptures will ensue. Everything that childhood ever dreamt of owning is here, and many other things besides. And everything priced as Kaufmann's price everything—in the fairest way.

The "Baltimore" printing presses—complete with full set of type, ink, cards and tweezers; regularly 98c, special Monday, 75c.

The "Excelsior" rubber type printer—and Junior printing house—contains alphabet, figures, ink, pad and rule—complete, 25c.

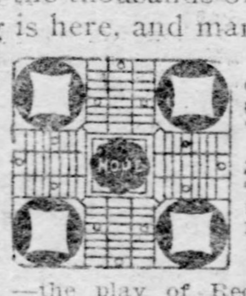
Foxy Grandpa, the Brownie and Menagerie printing blocks, with pad, paper and ink; choice, 25c.

The Atlas globe of the world—on nickel revolving stand, for the library or school room; special, 98c.

Schoenhut's marvelous Humpty Dumpty circus—unbreakable jointed figures—3 clowns, 2 ladders, 1 barrel and chair; complete, 98c.

22 piece Britannia tea sets—silver finish, cream pitcher, tea pot, cups and saucers; per set, 75c.

Children's nickel plated knife and fork sets, with napkin holder, 1 soup ladle, sugar tongs, 3 spoons, 3 knives and 3 forks; complete, 98c.



Parchesi—the ever popular home game, always 75c; special at 48c.

The new Russo-Japan naval game, "Port Arthur"—famous battle fought over again—special, 25c.

American theater—the play of Red Riding Hood, a play of Three Cats, 2 scenes and a tableau; 98c.

Wood building blocks—imitation of the Richter Stone blocks, large, illustrated book with full directions; complete set, 1.48.

The rubber tip arrow pistol game—amuses the family; complete with arrow and target, 39c.

The Arithmo game board—produces arithmetical results very simply, complete, 39c.

Spelling and numeral boards—highly polished, blocks that the children cannot lose or scatter around the floor, 59c.

Nursery and alphabet blocks—Curly Lock, Four-Footed Friend, Punch and Judy, Red Riding Hood and Animals—per set, 25c.

Finest hair horses—both rocking and swinging, adjustable leather saddle, leather bridle and stirrup, flowing mane, worth $10, special, 6.98.

Double horse shoo-fly—hard wood rockers, cushion seat and back, 75c.

Boys' low sleds—with round steel runners, prettily decorated, 98c.

Large oak dressers—with three drawers and mirror, 48c.

Bent wood chairs—with cane seats, cherry finish, highly polished, 1.75.

Morris chairs—with velour cushion seat and back, polished oak finish, 2.48.

The famous "Ives" American-made mechanical trains—of engine, tender and passenger car, plenty of track and large book of instructions—the $1.25 size, special, 98c.

Stationary steam engines—with water gauge, safety valve, large fly wheel and whistle, complete, 3.75.

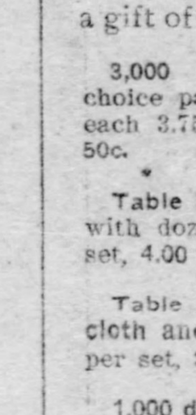
Mechanical walking clown—with base drum and cymbals; or large mechanical automobile with imitation rubber tire wheels and three people; choice, 98c.

Electric toy engines—the most complete little engine on the market, can be reversed forward or backward; regular $2 size at 98c.

The two-track race course—with nickel posts and caps, felt covered top and six horses, complete, 2.98.

Mechanical train with reversible lever, runs backward or forward, two vestibule cars, with automatic stop and track—complete, 17.50.

Fine papier mache jointed dolls—15 inches long, closing eyes, ball joints, sewed wig and curly hair, fine bisque head, worth 75c; special 48c.



Fancy dressed dolls—with hats to match, jointed bodies, 18 in. long, bisque heads, moving eyes, waving hair, fancy shoes and stockings—specially priced at only 98c.

The great "Santa" dolls—which received the world's fair prize—papier mache bodies, ball joints, bisque heads, with closing eyes, hand-sewed wigs, fancy shoes and stockings, 6.98 down to 1.98, 1.75 and 1.25.

$1.50 dolls for 98c. Some 500 beautiful dolls are included in this underprice offer—both jointed and kid body; 23 in. long, jointed hips and knees, moving eyes, sewed wigs—equally large and fine dolls have never been offered at the low price of 98c.

Splendid values in Linens

WHERE'S the housewife who wouldn't appreciate a gift of this sort?

3,000 table damask lengths—choice patterns, 2 to 4-yd. lengths, each 3.75, 3.00, 2.50, 1.75, 1.00 and 50c.

Table linen sets of pattern cloth, with dozen napkins to match—per set, 4.00 to 20.00.

Table linen sets of hemstitched cloth and dozen napkins to match, per set, 3.50 to 20.00.

1,000 dozen table napkins—⅝ and ¾ size, very neat designs, put up in half-dozen and dozen lots—at 5.00, 3.50, 2.50, 1.50 and 1.00.

Hemstitched scarfs, with jacquard ends—real value $1, special at 69c.

1,000 ruffled shams and scarfs—with fancy centers—the 65c kind, each, 39c.

Furs for Xmas giving

THE ideal gift for sister, mother or daughter is a fur coat, scarf or set of furs—and it's one that they'll most highly appreciate. The ideal time to buy that gift is now, while our prices are so low.

Women's fur scarfs—genuine mink, blended or natural, newest Zaza or four-in-hand style, satin lined, worth $25; this sale..... 14.00

Fur scarfs—in natural or blended squirrel, Isabella or sable fox or French marten, double or single length; trimmed with silk ornaments, fringe or brush tails—worth $9, special at..... 5.00

Fine sable or Isabella fox double boas—in rich silky, fluffy fur, trimmed with brush tails and paws, fastened with cord; $25 values at..... 18.00

Fine nearseal coats—blouse or box front, with silver beaver or mink lapels, collars and cuffs, 24 in. long, worth $55; this sale 35.00

Fine Persian lamb coats—high storm collar, full revere, pouch sleeve, guaranteed satin lining; real value $95; at..... 59.00

Girls' and misses' fur sets—all the new styles of pillow or round muff and scarf or four-in-hand tie, in any fur—from $20.00 down to..... 98c

Genuine Alaska seal coats—just eight of them, all guaranteed skins, London dyed, large storm collar, new lapels, 24 in. long—worth $210; special.... 169.00

Fur sets—of natural gray Russian squirrel, four-in-hand scarf, satin lined, trimmed with fringe and new large flat pillow muff—worth $18; per set..... 10.00

Oriental rugs at ⅓ off

YOU couldn't make a richer or more practical gift to friend or relative than an Oriental rug. It will last a lifetime. Our special Christmas offer of an actual reduction of one-third from marked prices will save you considerable. Make your own deduction of 33 1-3% from the price marked on the ticket. A Kaufmann reduction means exactly what it implies.

Royal Serapi and Mushkabad Persian room rugs—marked $200—1-3 off makes the price... 133.33

Iran Persian and Savalan room rugs—in many light colors, suitable for parlors—marked $150—1-3 off makes the price..... 100.00

Royal Iran, Saruk and Senna Persian rugs—marked $100—1-3 off makes the price..... 66.67

Persian hall runners—ranging in length from 12 to 20 feet—marked $50—1-3 off makes the price..... 33.33

Royal Kazak rugs—average size 4x7 ft.; marked $25—1-3 off makes the price..... 16.66

Royal Shirvan, Daghestan and Cabistan rugs—marked $15—1-3 off makes the price..... 10.00

Carabaugh and Shirvan rugs—marked $10—1-3 off makes the price..... 6.67

Anatolian and Hamadan rugs—marked $6—1-3 off makes the price..... 4.00

An unusually attractive Grocery list For Monday

Hams—best skinned hams, finest quality—15 to 20 pounds—per pound, 10c.

Bacon—Squire's very best quality, weight from 3 to 6 pounds, per pound, 12½c.

Raisins—very best seeded raisins, per pound package, 10c.

Best clean currants—per pound, 12c.

Not-a-seed raisins—per pound, 9c.

Not-a-seed golden raisins, like Sultana—per pound, 14c.

Loose Muscatel raisins—4 crown, per pound, 9c.

Leghorn citron—best imported—per pound 19c.

Fancy drained or glace citron—per pound, 17c.

Best orange or lemon peel—per pound, 17c.

Fine imported Sultana raisins—very fancy, per pound, 19c.

Flour—"Sleepy Eye" brand—we want every one to know the best flour made and we make the price an inducement—⅛-bbl. sack, 85c; ¼-bbl. sack, 1.85.

Lard—new fresh rendered pure kettle leaf lard—10-pound pail, 1.20; 5-pound pail, 65c; 3-pound pail, 39c.

Tomatoes—"Rob Roy," highest quality, 3-pound cans, dozen, 1.25; can, 11c.

Peas—"Sweet Violet" brand, sifted, 2-pound cans, dozen, 1.35; can, 12c.

Corn—"Ruby" or "Triumph" brand, extra fancy, dozen, 1.35; can, 12c.

Stringless beans—"Refugee" brand, small 2-lb. can, dozen, 1.70; can, 15c.

Lima beans—"Warwick" brand, extra fancy, can, 15c; dozen, 1.70.

Strawberry beets—blood red, extra fancy, 3-pound cans, dozen, 1.70; can, 15c.

Asparagus—"Hickmott's very best California, 2½-pound cans, dozen, 3.15; can, 27c.

Peaches—"Holly" brand, extra lemon cling—2½-pound cans, dozen, 2.75; can, 23c.

Apricots—"Holly" brand, extra fancy, 2½-pound cans, dozen, 2.60; can, 22c.

White cherries—"Palm" brand, extra fancy, 2½-pound cans, dozen, 3.14; can, 27c.

Sliced peaches—also strawberries and raspberries, rich heavy syrup, 1-pound cans, dozen, 1.10; can, 10c.

Evaporated blackberries—3 pounds, 25c.

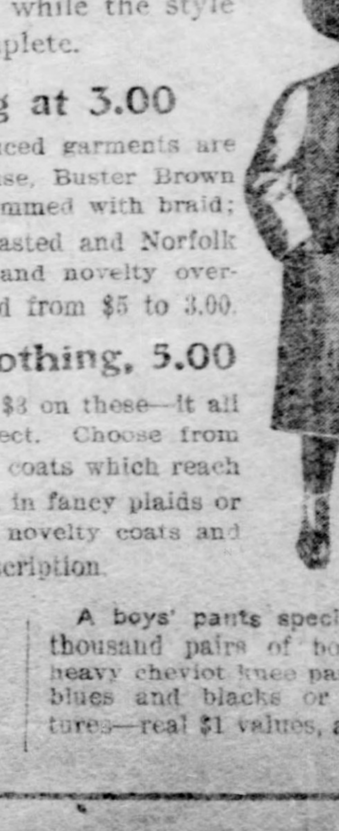
Evaporated huckleberries—per pound, 20c.

Evaporated German cherries—pound, 25c.

All kinds of condiments, pickles, olives, relishes, etc.

Special offerings in Boys' clothing

THE following items tell of several groups of boys' suits and overcoats which offer fine savings to parents of boys. The values are rather extraordinary—so it would profit all mothers of boys to lay in a goodly supply of winter clothes now while the style and size ranges are quite complete.



Boys' $5 clothing at 3.00

Comprised in this line of reduced garments are stylish heavy serge Russian blouse, Buster Brown and sailor suits, in all shades; trimmed with braid; also a splendid line of double-breasted and Norfolk suits and long oxford overcoats and novelty overcoats—all sizes 2½ to 16—reduced from $5 to 3.00.

Boys' $6.50 to $8 clothing, 5.00

You effect a saving of $1.50 to $3 on these—it all depends on the garment you select. Choose from those swell double-breasted tourist coats which reach all the way down to the shoe tops, in fancy plaids or plain black and oxford; also fine novelty coats and high-class dress suits of every description.

An extra special offer—boys' blue and oxford long cut fly front overcoats; also all-wool double-breasted, Norfolk and Buster Brown suits, tomorrow..... 1.85

A boys' pants special—about a thousand pairs of boys' all-wool heavy cheviot knee pants, in plain blues and blacks or fancy mixtures—real $1 values, at.... 48c

SIR THOMAS LIPTON HAS BEEN SUCCEEDED BY ERNEST CASSEL AS KING'S ADVISER.

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POOR FUND MAY BE PERMANENT

British King and Queen Are Aiding the Mansion House Project.

PROMINENT PEOPLE DONATE

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LONDON, Dec. 17.—Thanks largely to the lead given by the king and queen and of the prince and princess of Wales, the Mansion house fund for giving effect to Walter H. Long's well-thought-out scheme for helping the deserving poor this winter, has made an excellent start. It is hoped that instead of being raised from year to year, as necessities arise, this fund started by the king may become a permanent one. If the amount of distress in the metropolis may be gauged by the poor law relief statistics, the fund, to meet all cases, would have to be of immense proportions. London now supports over 20,000 more paupers than the rates had to provide for three years ago.

Following the king's donation of $1,312.52, other distinguished people have rivaled one another in imitating his example. Lord Iveagh has given $25,000; Messrs. Rothschild $15,000; duke of Westminster $10,000 and the Peabody trustees $25,000. The fund now stands at $130,000 and grows daily.

Much Distress in England.

London is not alone in having proved the necessity of relief for the unemployed this Christmastide. All large centers of population are faced by the problem of relieving the distress of local people out of work, and in most of the provincial cities subscriptions are being collected for the purpose. All sorts of remedies are being prescribed as a panacea for this state of things. Two instances may be cited.

Lady Warwick at a meeting the other evening in the East End of London took well-to-do people to task for neglect of the problem. The countess described the present state of labor as chaos, which those in authority were incapable of settling, and called for collective production and a co-operative commonwealth as the first step toward settling the problem.

The bishop of Manchester, addressing a meeting, said that while under the present distress some kind of relief must be found for genuine out-of-works, he felt that in providing relief not even a palliative was being applied, and that distress was to some extent being increased.

Two Reforms Necessary.

Two reforms were necessary toward solving the problem. One was the general reform of educational methods so that promising boys might be draughted straight from school to the work they were fitted for. Another great social reform, which was necessary was the sweeping reform of the land laws.

"It will be necessary in the future," he said, "for every man to have two strings to his bow, and there was no second string so good as a patch of ground on which he could work to produce vegetable food, with a pigsty and a run for a few poultry."

In this connection it is to be noted that the committee of the labor department of the board of trade has been discussing this latter as part of the question and a beginning is being male by the purchase of 500 acres of ground on which 400 men are to be employed at market gardening.

BLOWER OF GOLD-LINED BUBBLES WILL GO FREE

Company Promoter Hooley Found Not Guilty, but Companion Is Convicted.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

LONDON, Dec. 17.—After three weeks' trial a jury in the central criminal court today found Ernest Terah Hooley not guilty and Henry J. Lawson guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses. Lawson was sentenced to a year's imprisonment at hard labor. Execution of the sentence of Lawson was postponed to permit an appeal. He was admitted to bail in $30,000.

Hooley, whose colossal bankruptcy and the proceedings therefrom were the sensation of 1898, was arrested in London May 10 last on the charge of conspiracy to defraud. Since his bankruptcy Hooley has been connected with various promotions, some of which led to court proceedings. Lawson, another company promoter, was taken into custody the same day in connection with the charge against Hooley. The technical charge against the prisoners was defrauding A. J. Payne of $30,000 by selling him shares of Siberian gold mines and other worthless concerns. Hooley was bailed in $40,000 and Lawson's bail was placed at $30,000.

In 1898 Hooley was the biggest company promoter in Great Britain. He was a multi-millionaire and was prominently interested in bicycle, land and meat companies. He reached the pinnacle of his prominence when he promoted a tire company, as the result of which he was supposed to have cleared $12,500,000. At that time Hooley was living a sort of Count of Monte Cristo existence, buying yachts and race horses and a number of fine country seats.

MOVEMENT EXCITES INTEREST IN CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Contention of Wace Would Wipe Out Differences Between Ritualists and Evangelists.

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LONDON, Dec. 17.—A movement which is exciting great interest in the Church of England, and which, it is said, if accepted, would go far toward arresting the present differences between the Ritualists and Evangelists, has been started by Dr. Wace, dean of Canterbury.

Dr. Wace contends that nothing can be accepted as truly Catholic which had not the assent and observance of the Christian church before the end of the sixth century. Signatures supporting Dr. Wace, so far received, number more than 3,500, including five bishops, four deans and several archdeacons.

When the list is closed it is likely the matter will be laid before the archbishop of Canterbury or the royal commission on ecclesiastical discipline, or both. The application of the principle is a matter for discussion by scholars, Dr. Wace's object now being merely to reassert as the church standard in doctrine and practice, subject to the supreme authority of the Holy Scripture, the observances of the primitive church as distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations.

CUSTOMS OFFICERS ON SKIS

French Officials Run Down Smugglers in Franco-Italian Jura Frontier.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(Copyright Cable.)—Customs officers on the Franco-Italian Jura frontier are now supplied with skis of which smugglers have hitherto had a monopoly, escaping over the soft snow where pursuit was hopeless.

A customs house officer with skis this week ran down two smugglers near Locle who were handicapped with a weight of the absinthe and tobacco they were carrying.

Store Open Until 10 P. M. Every Evening Until Christmas

Removed

Our millinery and infants' wear departments have been moved to the second floor of our new Market Street Stores. Our curtain and drapery departments h[illegible] moved to the second flood of the Fifth Avenue St[illegible] right near the millinery department. Entrance to all these departments either by Fifth Ave. or Market St. elevators.

THE WOMAN'S STORE · EASILY REACHED BY ALL CARS

ROSENBAUM COMPANY

Children, Write to Santa Claus

We are his Pittsburg headquarters, and he wants all his little friends to write him. He sends a pretty card and answers all letters. Address your letter, Santa Claus, care Rosenbaum Company, Pittsburg, Pa.—and be sure to put a 2c stamp ON your letters—but enclose no money.

Strong Specials in Newest Silks and Dress Goods

The following splendid values are in those particular materials most desired for gifts. We place them in a pretty holiday box—and can assure you that they are the handsomest bargains in wanted and reliable goods you are able to obtain anywhere.

The Specials in Dress Goods

Best Grade All-Wool Albatross in the wanted colors of white, cream, pink, light blue, nile green, rose, lavender, brown, navy, national blue, tan and reseda green. A beautiful quality that has always sold at 59c a yard; very special Monday only..... 39c

Your Choice From Over 200 Pieces of Fine French Challies; come only in the prettiest colors, in neat dots, plain and fancy stripes, rose buds, Dresden designs and also a full range of plain colors. The very finest and prettiest challies made; goods that sell the country over at 60c, Monday only.............. 49c

Fancy Mohairs, for waists and children's wear. White grounds with blue and black dots; also figured and striped effects. Rich styles that have always sold for 65c, very special for Monday only........... 44c

All-Wool Henrietta. A beautiful silk finished material, in great demand this season for full dresses and for children's wear. Good shades of cream, pink, light blue, lavender, gray, reseda, nile, rose, cardinal, garnet, brown, national and navy blue. This is a grade that regularly sells at 60c and is very special value for Monday at................ 49c

A Special Item in BLACK GOODS. Pure worsted Cheviots, Broadcloths, Venetians, Whipcords, Panne Zibelines, Panama Cloths, Granites, Crepe Cheviots, etc., made of purest Australian wool and the colors guaranteed. Full 52 inches in width. Our best $1.25 and $1.35 grades for Monday selling at only..................... 95c

The Specials in Silks

Your Choice from 75 Pieces of Fine Novelty Silks. This season's choicest designs and colors in pretty stripes, figures, checks, etc. Our very best 75c grades for Monday at..................... 44c

A Superb Quality of All-Silk Messaline. A very soft, lustrous silk that makes such a pretty gown or waist. A full range of colors for street and evening wear, also black. Best 75c grades for Monday at..................... 59c

An Advance Shipment of 1905 Satin Foulards. Superb designs in all the new color combinations. These are grades that will sell later on at 75c and are very special value Monday for, a yard......... 59c

36-inch Guaranteed-to-Wear Taffeta. A splendid lustrous silk that will make an excellent dress, skirt or lining. This is a quality of which we have sold hundreds of pieces at $1.00 per yd.; for one day only at..................... 77c

Fine Embroidered Costume Velutinas—the best English goods; ground colors of rich browns, navy and black; embroidered in neat green, rose and white dots and figures. Goods imported to sell at $1.00 per yard; will make a superb costume; Monday's price only....... 59c

27-inch Black Peau de Soie, superb black, rich and very lustrous; a $1.25 grade, Monday, per yard.. 89c

The Specials in Linings

Scintilla Lining, has the full silk finish and comes in every wanted color, including white, cream and black. A splendid substitute for real silk. Best 25c values for Monday at....... 16c

Satin Luxor, made of pure Egyptian cotton, highly mercerized. Makes a handsome dress, underskirt or good lining. Also much used for pillow tops and fancy work; comes in every wanted color both in the light and dark shades; also in black. A grade that has never sold under 39c, for Monday 25c

Universal Lining Taffeta, pure silk, all colors and black; 50c grade. Monday, per yard.................. 34c

Wash Goods You Need

Printed Silk Warp Mousselines, advance 1905 styles, in beautiful Dresden and floral designs. Will make a handsome evening or dinner dress. Excellent 50c grades for Monday.. 29c

Imported Mercerized Plaid Ginghams, both in the clan and fancy plaids, in great demand just now for dressy waists. This is a grade that is worth 35c and is a great bargain for Monday at 25c

Fine White Embroidered Swisses in magnificent floral designs; also in neat dotted effects; choice styles for dresses and waists. These are entirely different from anything we have yet shown; our regular 75c grade Monday at.................... 59c

Splendid Values in Wanted Furs

The importance of the following superb values is greatly enhanced by the fact that the offerings are in those furs most wanted now. Be sure to see our stock of furs—the qualities and prices will astonish you.

Natural Squirrel Muffs, at $5.00, $7.50, $10.00 and $18.00.

Sable Squirrel Muffs, at $10.00, $20.00 and $25.00.

Isabella and Sable Fox Muffs, at $7.50, $10.00, $12.50, $16.50, $20.00, 25.00 and $30.00.

Natural Squirrel Ties, Scarfs and Pelerines, at $5.00, $6.50, $7.50, $8.50, $10.00, $13.50, $20.00 and $25.00.

Mink Scarfs, at $12.50, $16.50, $18.00, $25.00 and up to $150.

Isabella and Sable Fox Scarfs, two large full brushes, at $5.00.

Better Isabella and Sable Fox Scarfs, at $7.50, $10.00, $15.00, $20.00 and up to $50.00.

Nearseal Coats, newest style, 22 or 24 inhces long, special $42.50.

Children's Fur Sets a Specialty

Fur Lined Coats

Heavy Reductions

42-inch black light weight Kersey Coat, fine quality—squirrel lined throughout, with Persian lamb collar and revere, reduced from $50 to $33.50

40-inch black light weight Kersey Coat, squirrel lining; large leg o' mutton sleeve; with neat notch collar—reduced from $50 to $35.00

45-inch length squirrel lined Coat, made of finest quality black kersey—with large squirrel collar and revere; new sleeve, reduced from $75 to $42.50

45-inch brown fur lined Coat, made of light weight kersey; large collar and cuffs of blended squirrel, reduced from $75 to $45.00

Black 45-inch length fur lined Coat, with Persian lamb collar and revere; large sleeve and cuff, reduced from $75 to $47.50

Children's Coats Reduced

Immense reductions in Children's Velvet Walking Coats—we have grouped together our $6.00, $7.50 and $9.50 Velvet Walking Coats—in green, black and blue; sizes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and marked them at your choice for $3.65

Another lot of Children's Velvet Walking Coats—in brown, blue, red, green and castor; sizes 1 to 6 years; worth $4.00 and $5.00, choice $2.65

Children's All-Wool Cloth Walking Coats—in blue, brown and tan; sizes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; worth $5.00, at $2.50

White Madras and Linen Waists in 1905 Styles

Just Received.

Beautiful designs—the new 1905 style. Be sure to see them tomorrow.

Embroidered White Linen Waists—in the new 1905 style, at.............. $2.75

White Madras waists with tucked front—made in the new 1905 style, at.. $1.50

White Madras Waists—made in the new 1905 style, at.................. $1.00

Finest New White Handkerchief Linen Waists — embroidered front, at...... $5.00

Xmas Cards and Calendars

"Our Navy Calendar," illustrating the men-of-war Olympia, Brooklyn, New York and Oregon. Beautiful steel engravings with appropriate mottos—a 75c calendar for.................. 33c

"The American Girl" Calendar, in brown sepia heads of characteristic American beauties. Beautifully finished; worth $1.25, for.. 75c

Embossed Elk's Head, embossed horse's head, embossed large bowl of lilac Calendars, regular price 65c, for.............. 33c

Embossed Xmas Cards, in beautiful designs...... 8c doz

"Baby Melodies," by Eugene Field, Calendars......... 59c

Drop Calendars with framed medallion............. 25c

Satin Floral Leaflets at.................. 18c

Largest line of Folding Cards........... 30c doz

Large line of very pretty Booklets......... 50c doz

Handsome line of other Booklets at

10c, 15c, 18c and 25c

Holly Bells, with striker, at.................. 10c

Flat Holly Bells, at.................. 9c

Merry Xmas and New Year's Wreaths.............. 10c

We make special prices to those buying in quantities.

Great Sale Leather Goods

An immense line of $1.25 and $1.50 values in newest leather Hand Bags will be on sale Monday at 98c. Each bag suitable as a gift. Two of the styles are illustrated here—one with a fine fancy patented frame, and with braided leather Vienna handle and inside purse — the other with braided leather handle, also fancy stitched bag, and fitted with 3 articles: bottle, card case and purse, black and brown; also about 25 other styles equally as good values as these and all better values than you can find elsewhere, as a comparison will prove.... 98c

Undoubtedly the best values ever shown in Bags, including all the novelties, at

$1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $3.00, $4.50, $5.00 and up

The New Vanity Bags—Big Bargains

$1.98 for newest black polar bear leather Vanity Bags, new style, 2 fancy oxidized buttons, chamois lined inside pocket with nickel frame, and three fancy pockets containing mirror and book of powder papers; a remarkable bag at a remarkable price.

Other Vanity Bags at $1.50, $1.25 and 98c.

$1.98 and $2.98

$2.98 for fine monkey leather Vanity Bags, with "drop" front flap, fitted with mirror, card case and book of powder paper; silk lined throughout, and large inside pocket with metal frame, for money, change, samples, etc.—a wonderful value.

Same Bag in genuine Morocco leather, $3.50 — genuine Zebu leather, $3.98—real seal leather $3.98.

Leather Goods for Men

Mention of some items for men, at the leather goods counter, which may suggest a good gift for him.

Travelers' Flasks.
Large or small fitted Medicine Bottle Cases.
Fine Jewel Boxes.
Razor Rolls.
Shaving Papers.
Pocketbooks.
Writing Portfolios.
Card Cases, Bill Folds, Letter Books, Bill Books.
Collar and Cuff Boxes.
Fitted Travelers' Rolls.
Folding Travelers' Cups.
Pass and Ticket Books.
Satchels or Suit Cases.
Umbrella and Cane Straps.
Desk Blotters, sterling mounted.
Cigar Cases, etc., etc., etc.

Sale of Fine Jewelry

Regular $2.00 fine gold plated new "Buckle Pins," jeweled with most brilliant white stones, in round, oval or oblong shapes (like picture).. $1.25

$1.50 Brooches (without prong)............... 98c

Fine Sterling Silver Scarf Pins, gold plated, with large pearl and jeweled with fine white stones; many patterns, choice 50c

Fine gold plated fancy Link Buttons, many styles 75c

$3.00 fine 2-row white stone Bar Pins......... $2.25

$2.00 fine 2-row white Stone Bar Pins.. $1.50

Women's fancy jeweled Solid Gold Rings, at $1.25

Babies' Solid Gold Rings, signet, band, jeweled or fancy patterns 50c

Magnificent line of fine jeweled, sterling silver or fancy signet Hat Pins, newest patterns, at 50c

Our Handkerchiefs

As we believe in variety and quality rather than in quantity, we are prepared to show you over 1,000 distinct styles of Handkerchiefs for men, women and children.

In lace trimmed goods there are some 200 styles, in prices from 12½c, 15c, 18c, 25c, 38c, 50c and up

In Linen Handkerchiefs, beautifully embroidered, there are over 250 styles at 15c, 18, 25c, 38c, 50c, 65c and up.

In plain linen goods the prices range from 5c, 8c, 10c, 12½c up.

In pure linen Initial Handkerchiefs for ladies or men, our values at 8c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 18c, 25c and up are unequaled either for quality of linen or amount of embroidering.

We have Silk Handkerchiefs for ladies and men, but call special attention to the exquisite silk Initial Handkerchiefs for men at 50c and 75c

We have over 150 styles of Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs at 15c, 18c, 25c, 38c and up.

We have embroidered linen Handkerchiefs, put up in handsome boxes of 6 at 90c, $1, and up.

Pillow Top Handkerchiefs, 10c and 5c

Handkerchief Centers, plain or fancy embroidered, at 12½c, 15c, 18c and 25c.

Over 2,000 dozen Children's Initial Handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes of 3—plain, white or colored border, 18c and 25c per box.

And hundreds of other styles.

We give you a fancy Holiday Box free in which to place your Handkerchiefs.

SPECIAL For Monday, and Monday only, we shall offer our regular stock of pure linen Handkerchiefs with Venise lace borders, made in 1-piece, especially for the handkerchief, regular price 75c, for.................. 50c

Our Gloves Will Prove Splendid Gifts

$1, $1.25, $1.50 and up.

We call particular attention to our Kid Gloves, because we know they will prove more satisfactory than any others. The qualities will give the best of service. The varieties for ladies, misses, children and infants is complete—they fit the hand perfectly and add a dressy finish to the costume. Best of all, you obtain a better grade of skin here at any given price, because we import direct. We'll put them up for you in a pretty holiday box free.

Fine Silk Capes, Boas and Coats Immensely Reduced

(Women's Neckwear Section)

$27.50 finest black Liberty Silk "Paletot" Coat for evening wear, now $15.

$24.50 fine Coat, now $15.

$21.75 fine Coat, now $10.

$10 Silk Capes, now $6.50.

$8 Silk Capes, now $5.50.

$7 Silk Capes, now $4.50.

Etc., Etc.

Immense Assortment of Fancy Neckwear, 50c

Each piece in a neat box, and just as dainty as can be. Made of taffeta silk and lace, in jabot effects and tailor-made styles—also a line of fine imported pointe gaze lace stocks, in rose patterns—a handsome line of gift neckwear, choice 50c

Dolls, China, Pictures

A List of Handsome Values.

These are very popular gift articles, and the special prices are worthy immediate attention. Be sure to see our impressive display of china, pictures, dolls and bric-a-brac, for these goods occupy the two entire basements of our Fifth Ave. stores.

21-inch Kid Body Doll—Hip and knee jointed—full sewed wig; shoes and stockings; value $1.50, special....... $1.10

21-inch Jointed Doll—Handwerk—Full sewed wig, movable eyes; value $1.50, special.... 98c

"Our Special" Kid Body Doll—Dressed complete as an infant; with outfit of slip and underskirt trimmed in val., with hood and sacque; value $2.25, special.................. $1.65

14x26-in. Panel Shaped Pictures—Dark hardwood frames, in pheasants, rabbits and duck; value $1.25, special.......... 95c

20x26-inch Black Framed Pictures—Fancy gilt beading—in a beautiful variety of subjects, such as musical trio, rehearsal, meditation, and many others; value $1.50, special $1.10

German China Plates, beautifully tinted, in green, pink and blue, with lily decoration; value 48c, special.................. 25c

Buy Our Underwear

Our stocks abound in the most wanted and reliable grades of healthy and warm underwear—the prices are absolutely the lowest such good grades sell for anywhere. We have everything for ladies, misses, children and infants in a complete range of regular and extra sizes.

Women's Medium Weight or Fleeced Corset Covers—high neck and long sleeves—2 splendid grades at.............. 25c and 50c

Women's Heavy Fleeced Vests and Pants—White, black and ecru; al sizes; per garment.................. 50c

Women's Part-Wool Vests and Pants—In white and natural; per garment.......... 75c

Women's Medium or Heavy-Weight Union Suits—White and ecru: suit...... $1.00

Children's Heavy Fleeced Sleeping Garments—with feet; special.................. 44c

Misses' Black Wool Vests; worth 75c; special.......... 48c

Boys' and Girls Heavy Fleeced Union Suits—White and grey; suit.................. 50c

Misses' Heavy Fleeced Union Suits—Button-down-front style; worth 50c suit; special. 32c

Children's Part-Wool Vests and Pants — (small sizes) — In white and camel's hair; worth 35c garment; special, each....... 12c

Hosiery for Gifts

The following hose will appeal especially to those who give hosiery for gifts, because of its somewhat elaborate character—but it's good, dependable, serviceable hose in grades that only this store gives at the price.

Women's Finest Fancy Embroidered Hose—Most exquisite patterns, in neat florals and figures—in prety Xmas box—from..... $2.25 to $4.50

Women's Fancy Embroidered Lisle Hose—in beautiful floral and figured patterns—also very pretty styles in printed effects—put up one pair in a box, at.. 50c

Women's Embroidered Cashmere Hose—in a host of new and beautiful patterns—in Xmas box—pair.......... $1.00

Women's Pure Silk Hose, in every shade to match your gown or dress—put up in neat box—pair.................. $1.50

Women's Black Spun Silk Hose—In neat box—pair.................. $1.00

MAN WHO CUT OUT LIPTON WITH THE KING IS SIR ERNEST CASSEL

Tea Man Failed as a Courtier and Has Been Supplanted as a Financial Adviser.

CALLS KING BY FIRST NAME

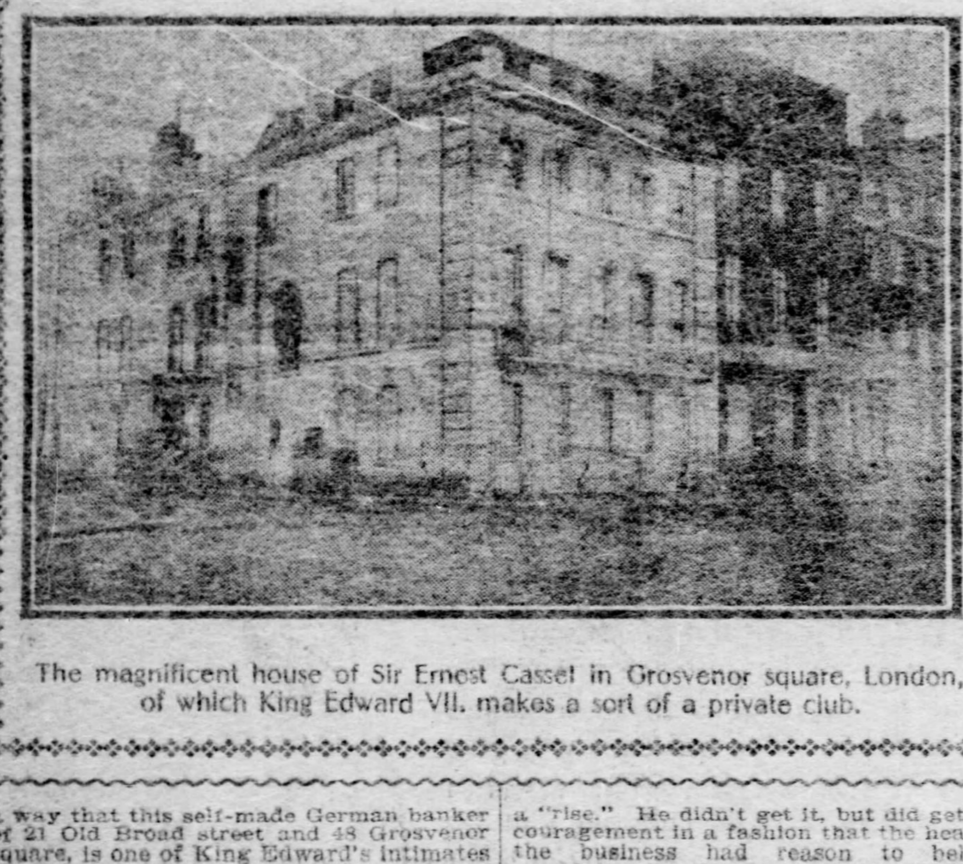
By HAYDEN CHURCH.

(Special Correspondence to The Gazette.)

LONDON, Dec. 8.—All because Sir Thomas Lipton, rich, good-natured and generous though he is, lacks some of the qualities that go to make up a perfect courtier, there is good reason for believing that he no longer "stands in" as he used to with King Edward VII. Those who are in a position to know declare that the aspirant for the Americas cup has been cut out of the position which he held for a while of confidential adviser to Edward VII., and that were it not for the fact that he possesses the personal friendship of Queen Alexandra, he would feel pretty sore over it.

If Sir Thomas had taken his friends' advice, he would have lost no time—once he was in favor at court—in marrying some woman of title, who, with his immense fortune at her back, would have been able to entertain and go through the other social paces for him in the proper style. However, Sir Thomas failed to do this, and so it was, say the court gossips, that some one else got the chance to slip in and oust him from his enviable position.

The lucky man who is credited with having "come it" over Sir Thomas in this way arrived in the United States recently, in the spick and span person of Sir Ernest Cassel. Of course it is known in



The magnificent house of Sir Ernest Cassel in Grosvenor square, London, of which King Edward VII. makes a sort of a private club.

a way that this self-made German banker of 21 Old Broad street and 48 Grosvenor square, is one of King Edward's intimates as well as being a great sporting man, and worth something like $70,000,000, and no doubt some attention has been paid to him already in American newspapers. But Sir Ernest isn't over-communicative at any time—even when at home—and as he said when he left this country that he was going to America for a rest and a quiet time generally, it is doubtful if interviewers there have been able to make him tell much about himself. And, of course, this uncommonly shrewd man of affairs would be careful to say nothing whatever about the unique position which he holds in the court circle and which he is supposed to have wrested from the owner of the various "Shamrocks."

Calls Him Edward.

I am told on good authority that Sir Ernest Cassel knows more about King Edward's business affairs than any man in England, and that he is one of the few persons outside of their family who are privileged to address both the sovereign and the prince of Wales by their Christian names. He has practically presented Edward VII. with $2,000,000, and everyone at court known that the cause of the king's quarrel with the late Lord Salisbury was the premier's refusal to make Sir Ernest a privy councillor as well as a knight in return for his generosity. As soon as possible after the late premier's retirement the king gave Sir Ernest this much-coveted distinction in the face of strong opposition in high quarters, and the financier recently received another proof of the royal favor when the king stood godfather to his daughter's baby.

The public here, however, has no idea how intimate are the relations between the king and his plutocratic subject. It is only now and then that the newspapers announce that "Sir Ernest Cassel had the honor of entertaining his majesty to dinner last evening in Grosvenor square," but that doesn't prevent the king from being frequently the millionaire's guest when the fact is not publicly mentioned.

King's Private Office.

Since his accession Edward VII. has practically abandoned his clubs, but this doesn't mean that he has given up his old cronies. He meets them at a few private houses and one of the chief scenes of such meetings is the big house in Grosvenor square, just at the corner of Carlos place, where Sir Ernest Cassel lives in a style such as few men in the United Kingdom can afford. These meetings give the king a chance to chat with his friends over a game of cards or billiards and for the time being royal etiquette is entirely laid aside. The evening having been passed in this manner, the king usually has supper with his host and then drives back to Buckingham palace in a closed brougham, with two Scotland Yard detectives riding in a hansom close behind.

Like every other rich racing man in this country Sir Ernest also has a luxurious establishment at Newmarket. His place there is called Moulton paddocks, and here the king is almost invariably the millionaire's guest while the Newmarket season is on.

Though little attempt is made at ostentation when the king is Sir Ernest's guest in a private way, the dinners which the financier gives publicly in the king's honor are absolutely regal, and I am told that entertaining his majesty costs Sir Ernest something like $100,000 a year.

Manages the King's Money.

It is as his confidential financial adviser, however, that Sir Ernest comes into closer touch with the sovereign than probably any other private individual ever did, with the possible exception of that other millionaire friend of Edward VII.'s, the late Baron de Hirsch. It was said, of course, that Baron de Hirsch paid the then prince of Wales' debts and many folk believe that in this respect, too, Sir Ernest has taken the late baron's place, but this is probably not literally true. A mightily satisfactory arrangement which he made in connection with his majesty's indebtedness in various quarters did, however, cost Sir Ernest what even to him must have been a pretty penny, for in court circles it is said that the scheme launched soon after his majesty's accession to settle his accounts out of savings in the expenditures at the various royal palaces, was thought out by Sir Ernest, and that in order to set it going he had to fork over $1,000,000 out of his own pocket.

And I am told that, considering the friendship and loyalty that exists between the king and Sir Ernest, it is a safe assumption that if his majesty or the prince of Wales required immediate financial assistance Sir Ernest would be the man they would turn to. In fact, when an announcement was made recently that the prince of Wales was going to start racing stables at Newmarket many who ought to know affirmed that Sir Ernest was at the back of the undertaking. It is not wholly out of the question either that the king might be glad of an "advance" at times, for, contrary to the general notion, his majesty is not by any means rich. The wills of sovereigns are the only ones that are never made public in this country, and so the supposition was natural that Edward VII. inherited the fortune which it was always declared Queen Victoria was "saving up for her poor relatives." As a matter of fact, however, her eldest son got little of it, the bulk of the queen's estates having gone to Princess Henry of Battenberg, who was always in personal attendance on Queen Victoria and who was looked upon as her favorite daughter. She is said to be enormously wealthy.

A Romance of Fortune.

This much is certain, that if King Edward had looked from one end of the British islands to the other for someone capable of making his personal resources go as far as possible, he couldn't have hit on a man better adapted to the business than Sir Ernest Cassel, for financial genius such as could almost turn stone into gold, allied with indomitable energy, are the qualities which have enabled this German banker to turn himself from a half-starved boy clerk in a Liverpool office into one of the wealthiest men in the world.

Ernest Cassel was born in Cologne 52 years ago. His father carried on a little banking business, but the family was poor and young Cassel had hardly mastered the "three R's" before he was packed off to England to see what he could do for himself there. Arriving in Liverpool he got a job in a small broker's office there, but the pay he got was a pittance and the boy had hardly enough to eat. Ernest Cassel didn't climb any higher in that office, but by making the hardest kind of sacrifices he did manage to save money enough to pay his fare to London and keep him there for a while.

So he threw up his berth, came to London, and before long got engaged as a clerk in a large financial house in the "city." Here it was that he pulled off the first lucky stroke that started him on the road to fortune. It happened in this way. Though the firm he worked for was a big one, young Cassel's "screw," as they call it over here, was almost as small as that on which he had starved in Liverpool, and as soon as he thought it wise the young man went to headquarters and asked for a "rise." He didn't get it, but did get encouragement in a fashion that the head of the business had reason to believe wouldn't cost the firm anything. There was a certain outstanding debt—an asset of the firm that hitherto nobody had been able to turn into anything of value, and young Cassel was told that if he could collect the amount of this debt he could have it in lieu of a "boost" in pay. No one ever knew exectly how he managed it, but Cassel did collect the debt and it gave him exactly the start he needed.

Ideas for Sale.

A year or so afterwards he gave another proof of financial genius by unravelling the affairs of and saving from ruin one of the most noted firms in the city of London. By this time he had opened an office of his own and become well known for his resourcefulness and capacity for money-making. Shrewd business men used to come into his office and ask if he had any ideas to sell. It is, by the way, one of the millionaire's boasts that he never approached a man whom he failed to inspire with confidence.

Most of Sir Ernest Cassel's fortune

Sir Ernest Cassel.

was made in Egypt, and he is now a trustee of the Egyptian Government Irrigation Trust Certificates. It was his energy, too, that brought about the amalgamation of the great and partially American firm of Vickers, Sons & Maxim, one of the largest builders of war ships and liners in the world, for it was he who really negotiated the sale of the business of the Naval Construction and Armaments Company to Albert Vickers of Sheffield. At the present time, among innumerable other interests he is a large shareholder in the Central London underground railway which has become known to fame as the "Tuppany Tube," and a director in the Swedish Central Railway Company. Besides his mansion in Grosvenor square, which is one of the finest private residences in London, he has every luxury that vast wealth can supply, including a box at the opera and a hunting place near Melton Mowbray.

Met the King Through Racing.

It was Sir Ernest's racing interests that first brought him into touch with King Edward. The banker's track career started about 10 years ago when he went into partnership with Lord Willoughoby de Broke, and began raising blood mares at Compton Verney. After about a year, however, he set up a regular racing stud, and in 1901 succeeded in winning the "Two Thousand Guineas," the English race, which takes its name from the stake involved, and which is not far behind the Derby in importance.

Sir Ernest is now one of the keenest followers of the track in this country, and makes it pay just as he has made every other undertaking of his pay. Last year he ran 16 horses, and 13 of them won, bringing their owner about $48,500. When he first started at Newmarket Sir Ernest set up at Grafton house, which with, its training quarters, was oddly enough, once the property of Baron de Hirsch, a few months ago, however, Sir Ernest sold the place to Maj.-Gen. Sir Stanley Clarke, and as the general is equerry-in-waiting to the king it was supposed that Edward VII. was the real purchaser and that the price probably had not been excessive.

Introduced to Edward by Rothschild.

Sir Ernest Cassel first met the king at Epsom in 1896 when he was presented to his majesty by Lord Rothschild. It was just after the king's horse, Persimmon, had won the Derby that this sporting member of the famous Jewish family asked permission to introduce his friend and Sir Ernest made such an impression upon the then prince of Wales that he was almost immediately received into the king's circle of personal acquaintances. After that it didn't take Cassel long to make himself "solid" with his future sovereign, in fact, the friendship between them ripened in a way that astonished everyone that knew about it. How far Sir Ernest was prepared to go was not realized, however, until about a year later the king got interested in the cure of consumption and wanted to start a sanitarium for that purpose. Then the banker sat down and drew a check for $1,000,000 which he handed to his majesty to help his scheme along. And a bit later, when there was distress in Egypt, Cassel was the Joseph who came to the rescue with another check for $200,000 drawn to the order of Lord Cromer, the Egyptian consul general. Of course after that nobody doubted that the banker would get a knighthood, and when the king broached the matter to the late marquis of Salisbury the latter made no objection, so Ernest Cassel became Sir Ernest.

Salisburg Said "No."

But when, a few months afterward the sovereign wanted to make the millionaire a privy councillor, Lord Salisbury said "no" in a way that meant business. The meetings of the privy council are about the most important of those which control the fate of the nation, and to give a financier the entree to them was opposed to all precedent. In fact, even so prominent a nobleman as Lord Harwicke had been objected to as privy councillor because he happened to be a member of a firm of stock brokers in the "city," and before he could join the council had been obliged to become merely a sleeping partner in the business. So when King Edward intimated to Lord Salisbury that he was determined to confer the title of "P. C." on Sir Ernest Cassel, whether or no, the premier declared that he he would resign his position rather than make the appointment, and thus a breach was created between the sovereign and his minister that was not healed up to the time of Lord Salisbury's death. Not long after this "split," however, the prime minister retired, when there was general curiosity to see what the king would do with regard to Sir Ernest Cassel. They hadn't long to wait, for in the next distribution of birthday honors the financier's appointment to the privy council was announced, notwithstanding the fact that Prime Minister Balfour was supposed to have kicked against it almost as hard as his late uncle had done. And most people will be surprised if the king doesn't boost his confidential adviser into the house of lords before a great while.

Sir Ernest married a daughter of the late R. T. Maxwell, but his wife died in 1881, and since then a widowed sister has kept house for him. His only daughter married Wilfred Ashley, and a nephew of his, Felix Cassel, is a member of the English bar.

IS THE MINISTER'S WIFE A FAILURE

By ONE OF THEM.

On one New York man just now are focused the thoughts of some 50,000 women from one end of the United States to the other.

The man is the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford, rector of St. George's Protestant Episcopal church, and the women are the wives of clergymen the country over. For be it known that the New York clergyman has calmly announced that the average minister's wife is a failure.

It all came about in the most unpremeditated fashion. Dr. Rainsford had championed the right of Episcopal deaconesses to marry. Some one remarked that if they did marry they would all be snapped up by clergymen, whereupon the rector of St. George's church replied that it would be a good thing, as the deaconesses understood church work, and the average clergyman's wife was a failure because she did not.

Not only are minister's wives by the thousand studying the problem Dr. Rainsford's words provoked, but their husbands are figuring it out, and every man and woman in their congregations are asking the question: "Is our minister's wife a failure?"

Every clergyman's wife thinks she knows the sort of wifely support her husband needs. Every clergyman is sure he knows what sort of wife he needs. But, after all, it is the members of the congregation who are positive that they know whether or not the wife is a failure.

A bright young woman, having graduated from a prominent college into the rectory of a small parish, wrote home to her mother:

"I thought I had married just one man, and he the dearest in the whole wide world, but I find that I have wedded an entire congregation. I thought I was to smooth the way for just one pair of tired feet, but I find that I have taken a contract to throw oil on troubled waters for a not entirely harmonious family of two hundred souls. My dear mother, when we children all came down with the measles, you thought your cup of domestic woe was full. I would rather face five simultaneous cases of measles any day than make my initial appearance at a Ladies' Aid meeting. I had hysterics that night at the dinner table, and only Henry's keen sense of humor saved my reason."

The "failure" of another minister's bride was on different lines. She felt that she had been called to matrimony as to a mission. At college she had been president of the Christian work among her classmates. She had met her husband at a summer school for Christian workers, and they had mixed missions and love-making in the most elevated fashion. There was nothing she did not know about church organization. There was no woman's meeting she was not competent to lead. She promised to be a power among the young people, and she approached the marriage altar in that sirit of exaltation peculiar to foreign missionaries. There were moments when her family, particularly her mother, wondered whether she was marrying the man or his work. All this, however, before the middle-aged English woman who had presided over her husband's tiny manse during his bachelorhood, had been summoned to her native land to claim an estate.

Her departure was the signal for a procession of incompetent servants, from whose clutches the enthusiastic bride escaped a social wreck. The little dinners at the rectory, which had made the young clergyman and his wife so popular with their vestry, suddenly ceased. Her husband's sermons lost their optimistic tone, because he was attacked by nervous dyspepsia. Then one awful morning Mrs. L——, the heaviest contributor to the support of the church, dropped in to see the pastor's wife, and found her wielding a feather duster.

"My dear girl, don't you know that feather dusters are positively unsanitary? I always decline to employ a maid who admits having made use of one. Soft old gauze for bric-a-brac, canton flannel for woodwork, and silk or chamois for the piano! I will send you a complete set this afternoon."

The troubled little bride could not quite understand why, but from that day the women of her husband's flock began to make the most annoying morning calls, each armed with a piece of household advice, until it was borne in upon the tired woman's soul that a clergyman's wife might work her fingers off for the poor, lead meetings day and night, and teach a Sunday school class, but if she could not make light biscuit as well as one parishioner or the mayonnaise dressing for which another was famed, she was a flat failure, as her husband's wife. The dual role of Mary and Martha proved too much for even her fresh energies and buoyant nature, and she resigned as leader of some five or six societies to take a course of lessons at the local cooking school.

Some young clergymen, particularly those who come of a long line of ministers and church workers, take the bull by the horns at the very start, and do not permit their wives to become entangled in the bewildering skein of parochial work. One young preacher, who had ascertained early in his pastorate that women of his congregation were given to disputation and quarreling, thought long and earnestly and prayerfully over his approaching marriage. At the last prayermeeting held before his wedding day, when the ruling spirits of the congregation were around him, he arose and read a brief address from which the following extracts are taken.

He began his remarks by quoting St. Paul's beautiful description of the Christian wife and mother, then laying aside his testament, he continued:

"My friends, when we meet again my wife will be at my side. I want to tell you that I shall exact nothing more from her than St. Paul sets forth in those verses, and I feel sure that you, as my flock, will be satisfied if she lives up to that standard. A minister's wife is no more called upon to minister before the Lord than was the wife of Zacharias in the old days. It is the business of the minister's wife to be 'a keeper at home' first, to look after her husband and family so that he shall be able to do the Master's work to the best of his power. It is her duty to give only so much of her thought and time and labor to the advancement of the church as is consistent with her home duties. A clergyman's wife does not take the vows he takes, nor does she promise any more than any other believer in Christ's promises when she joins her fortunes and her future with his.

"She will not assume the leadership of any of our women's or children's societies. For her to do so would be to sap the strength of the parish by putting herself in the place which should enlist and draw out the facilities and gifts of others among you who are willing and able to give bounteously of your energies to the cause of Christ.

"I mean that my wife shall choose her own pleasures; they will be such as add to her physical, mental and spiritual growth. No obligatory duties should be laid on your minister's wife. She is not especially called, chosen, ordained. She is not parish curate nor city missionary. She happens by choice to be the spouse of a prophet and priest of God. That may increase my responsibilities, but not hers. Naturally, she will forward my aims and objects by every means in her power, but she will belong by her marriage vows to God and her husband, not to God, husband and his congregation."

The bride came and ministered unto her husband, while he ministered to his people. She never became president of the Ladies' Sewing circle, nor did she lead the Mother's meetings, but in time, as her own family increased, she was recognized as an ideal Christian mother, one who looked well after the affairs of her household, and the relations between the congregation and the parsonage were always pleasant.

In the long run the minister's wife who does not wish to lead in parochial work lives the happiest and the most spiritual life. If she undertakes greater labor in the congregation, if she endeavors to head all the various women's and girls' societies, she may expect a fair amount of gossip concerning her methods. The disposition of her husband's flock is not to be unkind, but their church life is very apt to be their social life also, and the desire to dominate is strong within the feminine breast, so the strong-minded minister's wife who tries to run things is bound to meet with earnest if not captious criticism.

The woman a minister thinks he ought to marry and the woman he really does marry in the end, are not always one and the same. A man who is regarded as an exceptionally successful worker among the young people of his parish was recently approached on this topic, and the question was asked point-blank:

"What sort of a woman should the young preacher select for his wife?"

The man of experience and years put his finger tips together and stared thoughtfully into the fireplace. Then suddenly he arose and, crossing to his desk, pulled out some faded sheets of writing.

"Just before I was graduated from the theological seminary, my father, a practical business man, wrote advising me to marry, and as he knew my first charge would probably be small and its salary in proportion, he offered to place a small income at my disposal to back up the matrimonial advice. In reply, I wrote this letter, which he saved and returned to me on my wedding day. You will see here that I described a woman who was a Mary above all Marys. Her manners would appeal to the rich in my congregation, yet she would not patronize the poor. Her spirituality was to be the star to lead me on to heights such as few clergymen had ever reached. Her face would be Madonna-like in its purity, and sitting opposite me as I wrote, she would be the inspiration of sermons which should lead thousands in the way they should go. As a composition, that letter was one of the best things I ever wrote."

Well?

"About two months after I was ordained I attended a musicale given by a well-to-do parishioner. Seated just two rows ahead of me was a young woman with brown hair which had a way of slopping down and rippling around the nape of the whitest neck I had ever seen. I forgot Beethoven, Chopin and Wagner, and prayed for the moment when I could see the owner of that brown hair, face to face. Six months later I married her—and my father returned this letter. She didn't look like a Madonna, and the first of my sermons that I read aloud to her provoked not approval but a very different sentiment. She was nothing if not unsympathetic. 'John,' she said tersely, 'what you need is less religion and more humanity in your sermons. Less spiritually attuned phrases and more red blood.' You see, she wasn't the woman I thought I needed, but the woman I did need, and through her God has crowned my labor with success. My wife never could lead a Mother's Meeting or run the Girl's Friendly society, but she could, and did, lead me."

The enthusiasm and energy of youth is responsible for what the world sometimes terms failure on the part of the minister's wife. Brides, like new brooms, sometimes sweep clean and then when worn from being used too much in one direction, they fail to gather up the dust. A bride in the fresh zeal of her new position, does more than either her husband or his congregation has a right to expect or her strength will permit. And, by and by, when outraged nature rebels, she gradually drops this society or that, her calling becomes less regular and the congregation decides that their minister's wife is tiring of her duties. It takes a strong-willed, broad-minded minister to save his wife from this sort of failure.

No one but the wife, her husband and their God, really knows whether or not that wife is a failure. No congregation, judging from its own prejudiced viewpoint, can honestly make such an assertion. Even the woman herself is not competent to settle the question, for the influence of woman is like an ever-widening swell of the sea. Its final meeting with the horizon is beyond our sight.

The mother of a brilliant New York writer was a farmer's daughter. Her lover went from the district school to college, and came back to marry the girl he had loved from their singing school days. But while he had been in college and the theological seminary, she had been working early and late to help her parents meet a mortgage. In patience and in spirituality she had grown a hundred fold. But in what she termed "book learning" she had fallen far behind. He did not stop to think of what the congregation, awaiting his coming in a small inland city, might think of her quaint fashion of dressing and her halting, ungrammatical speech. He only knew that he loved her and needed her.

A city dressmaker altered the fashion of her frocks, but no amount of contact with her cultured husband and his congregation could undo the mischief of habitual misuse of the English language. In those days the minister's wife was expected to speak often in meeting, and to lead in all good works, especially with her voice; so this poor woman suffered tortures untold every time she strove to address the various gatherings. Finally, after a particularly unfortunate speech, during which her numbers and tenses had become hopelessly confused, she went to her husband and poured her unhappiness into his surprised ears. Being a sensible man, he realized what she had suffered, and gradually, but delicately he withdrew her from church work. He loved her and was happy in his home life. But the congregation counted their minister's wife a failure, and so did she count herself, going to her grave in the firm belief that she had wrecked her husband's life by her inability to conduct a meeting without fracturing the English language. She left behind her the fragment of memory of a home life free from discords, a family of children who revered her name and were making good citizens, but as a clergyman's wife she was voted a failure.

Each congregation no matter whether located in countryside, small town or mighty city, holds two distinct elements—religious and social—and between these two contending forces the unarmed, unprepared woman finds herself bewildered. The one element demands that she be her husband's aid in the spiritual work and the other contends that she should lead the social life of the parish.

This contention was aptly illustrated by the experience of a clergyman's wife in a large city parish only last Christmas. A wealthy parishoner called upon her at the very first touch of cold weather and, in a delicate way, offered her a very handsome fur coat which had seen but little service, but which was distinctly out of date. The gift included the price for having the coat made over on new lines, for, as the parishoner kindly intimated, it would be best if other members of the church did not recognize the garment. There had been illness in the pastor's family, and though the wife was expected to hold her own, socially and sartorially, among the women of her husband's flock, there was little money left for winter finery, so the gift was gratefully accepted. Just before Christmas another well-to-do parishoner, whose pet charity was a home for working girls, called on the pastor's wife with a plea for a holiday donation. After figuring very closely, not only on the contents of her purse, but on the influence of her caller, the minister's wife donated five dollars to the Christmas celebration at the home. The next Sunday she appeared at church for the first time, clad in the gift of her husband's other parishoner and a very handsome fur wrap proved to be. That afternoon, while the tired preacher was resting in his study, he was surprised by a call from the woman who was interested in working girls. She had come to talk with him earnestly about the inconsistency of a clergyman's wife who could give only five dollars for charity and then spend five hundred for a fur coat!

When the congregation learns to differentiate between the duties of the man ordained of God and the woman he marries before God, the crime of failure will not be laid at the woman's door. That woman who does her whole duty by her husband and her children and her home, will do her whole duty to her God and her fellow man, through the husband she has married. A wife should help the minister win souls to the church, not win them herself. And the woman who can attend four meetings in one day and cut out garments for the heathen in foreign lands may bring no more souls to God than she who smooths the pillow under the minister's head or sees that his room is warm and his food is prepared when he returns from the long, chill vigil by the bedside of the dying.

MOVING TO NEW HOME.

Free Dispensary and Associated Bodies to Leave Sixth Avenue.

The Pittsburgh free dispensary will be in their new quarters on January 2. The new building now in course of construction in Federal street will be ready for occupancy at that time, according to the promise made by the contractors.

The organizations which will move, besides the Pittsburgh free dispensary, are the Western Pennsylvania Humane society, the Academy of Medicine, the headquarters of the association of graduate nurses, and the Society for the Improvement of the Poor.

Will Spend Xmas at Home.

By appealing to Magistrate Stewart in Central police station yesterday morning that she be allowed to spend Christmas at home, Mrs. Margaret Neal of Second avenue escaped with a five-day sentence for disorderly conduct. The woman, together with her husband, Charles Neal, colored, and Ruby Hill, another white woman, were charged with fighting and drinking at the Neal home. Neal was discharged and the Hill woman shared the fate of Mrs. Neal.

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And they are right. These bargains cannot last long even though the stock of winter goods laid in by the company was enormous. But Pittsburghers are too wide awake to allow a bonanza to go begging. They are snapping up these offerings very fast. Anyone desiring an up-to-date, tailor-built, perfect-fitting suit, overcoat or topcoat should not delay another minute.

It pays to rush to a store when you can get a suit or overcoat, for example, for $7.50 that you would have paid $15 for a few weeks ago and for which you would have to pay at least $15 now at any other establishment in this part of the country. Look at some of the tempting bargains below:

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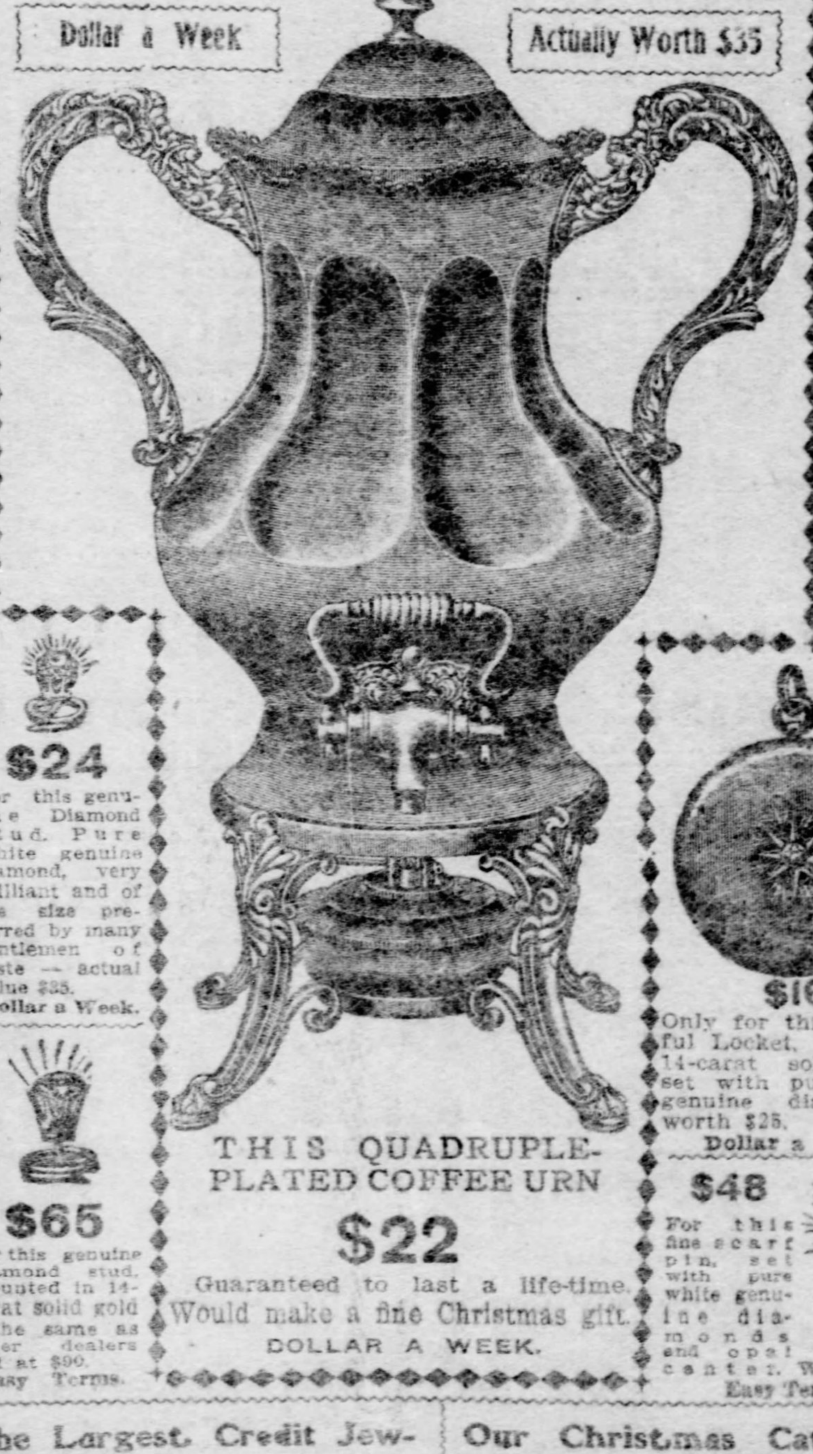

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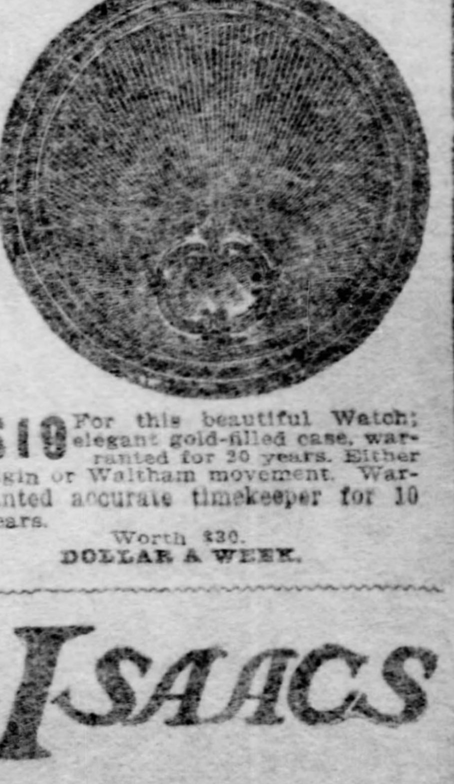

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ASQUITH ATTACKS AMERICAN CASE

Condemns Reference to Canadian Judges in the Greene and Gaynor Appeal.

LORD CHANCELLOR CONCURS

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The privy council which yesterday began hearing the appeal of the United States against the decision of the justice of the crown at Quebec, in the case of Greene and Gaynor, adjourned at the conclusion of the arguments today. Judgment will be rendered December 19.

Donald MacMaster, K. C., of Montreal, concluded his argument in behalf of the United States today and was followed by Herbert H. Asquith, former home secretary, representing the two respondents. Mr. Asquith contended there was no ground for the intervention of the privy council. The most their lordships could do was to express an abstract opinion on the merits of the case. Mr. Asquith complained of the form in which the American government had presented the case. It seemed to him highly improper. He read a paragraph in the American printed case commencing: "Whether the judge in the discharge of his duty" and ending "nor indeed do they think it necessary to do so." Mr. Asquith said he considered "it was a serious matter that suggestions of this kind should be made in a printed document in a legal inquiry of this description."

The lord chancellor, Lord Halsbury, concurred, saying: "The suggestion contained in that extract is absolutely irrelevant to the question of legality. I must deprecate the introduction of such matters into the appellants' case. They cannot affect our judgment on its merits."

The paragraph in question is as follows: "Whether a judge in the discharge of his duty who certainly has done nothing to merit such treatment may be threatened with discipline 'judiciary or administrative' by a law partner of the minister of justice and attorney general of Canada; whether one judge of the superior court can cause his writ of habeas corpus to issue before another judge of the same court has disposed of a prior writ, issued in regard to the same matter; whether it is seemly that the petition of the later writ should be applied for in the name of a law firm in which the minister of justice and attorney general of Canada is a partner and of which the premier of Quebec is also a partner and that nearly a month should elapse and several proceedings intervene before it was discovered that the whole name of the firm should not have been used but only three-fifths thereof; whether equally it is seemly that the partner of the attorney general of the province of Quebec (the latter being a member of the provincial cabinet and a colleague of the premier of the province) should be counsel for the fugitives; whether it is proper that the crown should be unrepresented throughout the protracted proceedings involving not only serious charges but international treaty obligations—are matters upon which the appellants do not at this time desire to make any further comment nor indeed do they think it necessary to do so."

Mr. MacMaster said in an interview that he was confident the decision of the privy council would be in his favor, but he declined to say what would be the next step of the attorneys for the United States. Mr. MacMaster did not expect Greene and Gaynor to surrender for extradition. As to Mr. Asquith's complaint Mr. MacMaster said it would have no effect on the case. Mr. MacMaster agreed that the paragraph referred to by Mr. Asquith was irrelevant, but he added that by taking exception to it, the respondents emphasized the point made by the American government.

Mr. MacMaster has left for Queenstown to overtake the steamer Campania, which sailed from Liverpool today for New York.

DUCHESS IS A MARTYR TO THE NEURASTHENIA

Physician Who Helps Her Has Now Profitable Salaried Place.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PARIS, Dec. 17.—I am able to inform you that the duchess of Tallyrand, the sometime mother-in-law of Miss Helen Morton, is a martyr to a very painful form of neurasthenia. Quite exhausted by her sufferings, she decided to leave her beautiful chateau at Valencay and to place herself in the hands of a young doctor in a neighboring town. This doctor recommended the "sleep cure." By the help of narcotics he managed to secure for the duchess 15 hours of uninterrupted sleep every day. The neurasthenia disappeared.

The duchess pronounced the young doctor a genius, and, mainly with the idea of bettering his position, but also to have his constant care, offered to attach him permanently to her household at a very large salary. The young doctor, however, much to the surprise of the great lady, declined the offer, preferring to devote himself wholeheartedly to his profession. The doctor's refusal has one very inconvenient consequence for the duchess. In order to prevent any return of her malady she needs the doctor's constant attention, and, as he won't leave the country town in which he practices and the hospital he directs there, the duchess is compelled to pass the greater part of her time in the country town, which does not boast of more than 3,000 or 4,000 inhabitants and only one passable inn.

For one whose social existence has heretofore been of the intensest and most brilliant kind, the experience is not unnaturally a little trying. It will, however, carry the lesson that even in our day there live men to whom money is not everything. It has remained for a young country doctor to teach this to the duchess of Talleyrand.

BAND OF ROBBERS COMMITS BIG BURGLARIES IN PARIS

Jewelers, Dressmakers and Cafekeepers of Opera Quarter Organize for Safety.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]
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PARIS, Dec. 17.—Jewelers, dressmakers and cafe keepers of the opera quarter are trembling for the safety of their shops and wares, endangered by night exploits of a mysterious band of burglars, called "wall breakers," whom the police are unable to capture.

They held a meeting this week to organize a committee of safety. The president is M. Henry Blanchet, a jeweler, who was robbed of $120,000 worth of jewels, which have not yet been recovered. The vice president is M. Millon, manager of the Grand hotel. They have unanimously decided to subscribe for a private patrol force in the quarter at night.

Another Paris jeweler was robbed this week of $24,000. The same gang successfully appropriated $240,000 worth of jewels and for three months shopkeepers have been in a general panic.

MESSAGE OVER ALPS.

One Sent by Wireless from Cornwall to Italy in Spite of Rarefied Atmosphere.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(Copyright Cable.)—The first wireless telegram just sent over the Alps from Cornwall to Italy arrived without a mistake in the wording, despite fears that the rarefied atmosphere of the higher Alps would affect the message. The satisfactory settlement of this point is a definite scientific advance.

The message was first received at Lausanne and then at a station on top of Monterosa, whence it went direct to Ancona.

LORD NEWRY IS A BRAINY YOUTH

Owns Thousands of Acres in Ireland, but Doesn't Even Affect a Monocle.

IS KIND TO HIS TENANTS, TOO

(Special Correspondence to The Gazette.)

LONDON, Dec. 7.—In every way a lucky youth, and what is rarer one who seems to deserve his good fortune, is Viscount Newry, eldest son of the earl and countess of Kilmorey, whose coming of age has just been celebrated with much rejoicing and lavish hospitality at the family seat, Mourne park, County Down, Ireland, where the major portion of the broad ancestral acres are situated. Tenants, friends and local authorities have overwhelmed the young heir and his parents with congratulations and gifts, and the festivities were kept up for a week, servants and tenants sharing freely in the good time.

The viscount's father is a fine, stalwart, virile type of the aristocrat; his mother is one of the stateliest, tallest and handsomest women in the peerage, and

Viscount Newry.

from them he has inherited a good figure, a sound constitution, strength and good looks, and brains enough to steer clear of the pitfalls that beset wealth and rank.

His protograph, here reproduced, depicts him in the showy uniform of a lieutenant in the First Life guards, the swellest regiment in the British army, where many scions of titled houses have first learned to "go the pace" that leads to the bankruptcy courts. But young Lord Newry has left cards alone and despite the fact that he takes his profession seriously, which is hardly considered correct form in a crack regiment, is popular with his brother officers. He gives himself no airs, does not even sport a monocle, and is one of the unspoiled favorites of society.

Matrimonially he is a good catch, for some day he will inherit 44,000 acres in Ireland, 2,000 in England and a town residence in addition to the Irish mansion. The report circulated some time ago that he was engaged to Miss Lulu Pfizer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pfizer of New York, appears to have been unfounded. As the family is not an impecunious one he is not under the necessity of hunting up an American heiress, but that is no reason why he should not wed an American girl some day.

The earl of Kilmorey is one of the representative peers of Ireland, but he is a Protestant and the family is of English origin, springing from William de Neddam, who was lord of Staunton in 1102. Though a keen sportsman he is also a man of scholarly accomplishments and an M. A. of Oxford. He was a member of parliament for some years before he succeeded to the family heritage. What he most prides himself on is the fact that he has never had any trouble with his tenants, which is a rare record for an Irish landlord. The countess is equally popular with the tenants and takes an active interest in the promotion of peasant industries.

Children Start Alone for Norway.

Charles and Haljmar Johnson, aged 6 and 8, of 1236 Gehring avenue, left for Norway yesterday morning, their mother accompaning them as far as Altoona. The father of the children died recently, and the mother is sending them to relatives whom she hopes to join as early as possible.

What Sulphur Does

For the Human Body in Health and Disease.

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

It was the universal spring and fall "blood purifier," tonic and cure-all, and mind you, this old-fashioned remedy was not without merit.

The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect.

Nowadays we get all the beneficial effects of sulphur in a palatable, concentrated form, so that a single grain is far more effective than a tablespoonful of the crude sulphur.

In recent years, research and experiment have proven that the best sulphur for medicinal use is that obtained from Calcium (Calcium Sulphide) and sold in drug stores under the name of Stuart's Calcium Wafers. They are small chocolate coated pellets and contain the active medicinal principle of sulphur in a highly concentrated, effective form.

Few people are aware of the value of this form of sulphur in restoring and maintaining bodily vigor and health; sulphur acts directly on the liver, and excretory organs and purifies and enriches the blood by the prompt elimination of waste material.

Our grandmothers knew this when they dosed us with sulphur and molasses every spring and fall, but the crudity and impurity of ordinary flours of sulphur were often worse than the disease, and cannot compare with the modern concentrated preparations of sulphur, of which Stuart's Calcium Wafers is undoubtedly the best and most widely used.

They are the natural antidote for liver and kidney troubles and cure constipation and purify the blood in a way that often surprises patients and physicians alike.

Dr. R. M. Wilkins while experimenting with sulphur remedies soon found that the sulphur from Calcium was superior to any other form. He says: "For liver, kidneys and blood troubles, especially when resulting from constipation or malaria, I have been surprised at the results obtained from Stuart's Calcium Wafers. In patients suffering from boils and pimples and even deep-seated carbuncles, I have repeatedly seen them dry up and disappear in four or five days, leaving the skin clear and smooth. Although Stuart's Calcium Wafers is a proprietary article, and sold by druggists, and for that reason tabooed by many physicians, yet I know of nothing so safe and reliable for constipation, liver and kidney troubles and especially in all forms of skin disease as this remedy."

At any rate people who are tired of pills, cathartics and so-called blood "purifiers," will find in Stuart's Calcium Wafers, a far safer, more palatable and effective preparation.

CROWN PRINCE IS SOBERING DOWN

Engagement to Marry Causes Radical Change in the Young Man.

QUARRELS WITH BETROTHED

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The numerous statements about the crown prince's stubborn resistance to an early marriage to his fiancee, Duchess Cecelie of Mecklenburg, both in German and French papers, have at last forced the kaiser to issue a denial, which of course could not be made in regular form, but a high court official, who is very intimate with the imperial family, has expressed himself very plainly on the subject to a representative of a Berlin paper, which immediately hurried to assure the German people that their future kaiser is perfectly content and looks forward with great anticipation to his coming wedding.

The engagement, the official admits, came as a great surprise to all at court, and because it happened so unexpectedly there were many who thought that it was to end in another marriage de convenance, but these people are now all convinced of their mistake.

The crown prince has entirely altered his mode of life since his engagement; he has become a very serious young man, who sows no more wild oats and no longer attends those gay bachelor parties which were his delight only a few short months ago. He is never happy when away from his duchess, but as German court etiquette is very strict he sees her only very seldom and never alone, and it was this restriction which caused him to ask his father to hurry the wedding date.

The young couple are said to have had one lover's quarrel, which goes to prove their love of each other. When the Duchess Cecelie was staying with the Duke of Saxe Altenberg she received less than the usual number of letters from her future husband, and on her return to Potsdam severely reproved her fiance.

When the crown price appeared at the new palace with humble apologies the young duchess refused to see him, and the matter was only smoothed over by the kaiserin, who was delighted with the incident, which she regarded as evidence of the love which her son has inspired in his future wife. Another story is told of how the duchess was scandalized when she in company with a large party paid a surprise visit to her fiance's bachelor quarters at the Kabinetthaus.

The first thing which struck her eye was a large photograph of Geraldine Farrar, the young American singer, with whom the crown prince was madly infatuated only a short time before his engagement, and examining the room more closely she further discovered a number of photos of other charming young ladies whose names have been connected with his. She was, however, mollified when the kaiserin asked her in her son's bedroom, where she found about 30 photographs of herself and no other face.

The next day she sent her fiance a beautifully carved Bavarian crucifix, which she advised him to hang over his bed, and the kaiserin saw to it that the offending collection of American beauties was burned.

STEALING OF A COAT GAVE HIM FRESH START

Australian Sends $50 to the Man in England, Whose Garment He Purloined.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]
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LONDON, Dec. 17.—The vicar of Reigate, in Sussex, recently received a letter from Australia, in which the writer inquired if it were possible to find a man in the village whose waistcoat was stolen 30 years ago. The vicar, after a search, found a man who lost such a garment and 10 shillings about the time mentioned, and he communicated the fact to the Australian correspondent.

Another letter has since been received by the vicar, inclosing $50 for the man whose waistcoat was stolen, and containing an expression of gratitude from the sender, who stated that with the proceeds of the robbery, he had been able to make a fresh start in life, and was now well off.

SUFFERINGS OF LONDON'S POOR

Winter Is Bringing Sorrow to Indigent of the World's Metropolis.

SCANT PLANS FOR RELIEF

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

LONDON, Dec. 17.—London, after being submerged in a November fog, is now a city of sunlight, but the cold blasts ow wintry weather and snowstorms are cutting deep into the vitals of poverty. The great question that is vexing the metropolitan conscience is how to deal with the unemployed, of whom there are thousands. It is hoped that the Christmas trade will bring with it a revival not only of good-will to all men, but of prosperity and peace, and the leading shops of the metropolis are making a brave show of brilliance which is a foretaste of something better still that is to come. Already the municipal boroughs and the leading charity organizations are wakening up to the fact that the deservedly poor and skilled or unskilled worker have a right to demand assistance in their trouble and distress. Great Heart is not yet in our midst to carry out the suggestion that there should be large fires lighted in various parts where the people can go to secure a warm up, but it is pleasant to notice that England's conscience is waking up and the principles of laissez faire will be a memory of the past.

For lack of something else better to do a London paper has entered upon a plan of campaign to inquire why the modern metropolitan restaurants are attractive as pleasure resorts for all sorts and conditions of people.

Social philosophers have decided against such places of rendezvous with the idea that they encourage ostentation and inspire a sheer love of show. The decorations, the glass, the silver, the shining portals and bedecked liveries, and the music, which such hotels as the Cecil, the Savoy, Claridge's and the Berkeley affect, may be in perfect taste, and yet they are not the places to visit merely to appease hunger or to quench thirst. They attract because they are cosmopolitan, as London is so fast becoming.

Human nature may be whole-souled, but it has its own peculiar limitations, and the delight of the Londoner is to see the contrast of London within London without. Weary of the hurry and turmoil of the crowded thoroughfares and the eternal beat of tired horses' hoofs, the pedestrians abandon the stony pavement for the rubber-paved hotel courtyards, and enjoy the contrast of absolute quiet. The visitor is at once introduced to an atmosphere of gaiety, luxury and comfort, which acts as a restorative to the tired nerves. The company is always changing and offers added interest to the attractions of each meal, whether it be breakfast, luncheon, tea, dinner or supper.

MME. DE THEBES WILL VISIT THIS COUNTRY

Palmist Over Whom Paris Raves Will Try for American Shekels.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The very latest fashionable craze at Paris is medieval magic, astrology, palmistry and the rest, interspersed with a little spiritualism. Palmistry is for the moment the supreme interest, and Mme. de Thebes is the supreme palmist. "Hand reading parties" are all the rage. The guests sit round a table and Mme. de Thebes or one of her colleagues reads each hand in turn.

"The Japanese are going to carry everything before them. The countess will live to be a hundred. You will have to go to Vichy if you want to get well. You will be the victim of a horrible automobile accident." Such are the current prophecies or recommendations, and after an hour or two of it the guests get up, declaring Mme. de Thebes to be a goddess, and poorly paid by the hundred francs which the goddess invariably charges.

Originally Mme. de Thebes would give you her attention for an evening for 20 francs, but now that the boom in hand reading is on, that sum does not, of course, suffice to awaken the mysterious powers. I am told that Mme. de Thebes thinks of going to America. It will be interesting to see whether American society will send her packing or prove as idiotic as the Parisians.

Dies of Hydrophobia.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Mary Lachman, 8 years old, whose parents live at Wausoon, O., died here today of hydrophobia. She was bitten a month ago and came to Chicago for treatment.

A CIVIL WAR CAPTAIN

Talks to the Point.

"Until about two years ago I had piles for about thirty years, at times bleeding and very painful. I got a fifty cent box of Pyramid Pile Cure at the drug store, and used it and was entirely cured; got another box in case I needed it, but as the piles did not return in six months I gave the remedy to a friend of mine who wanted the doctor to operate to cure him. My friend said he would use the "pyramids," but he knew they would do him no good, but they cured him of piles of twenty-five years standing. I am free from piles today, and have been since using Pyramid Pile Cure. I was Captain in the Civil War." James Adams, Soldiers Home, Cal.

The majority of people labor under the impression that an operation is necessary in severe cases of piles, or hemorrhoids, and are very skeptical regarding the remedial virtues of any medicinal compound. Testimony like the above should certainly have a tendency to dispel this impression, although it is odd that such a fallacy should prevail, and still more odd that so many people should think an operation effects a permanent cure, whereas the contrary is more often the case.

We advise all sufferers from this painful complaint to buy a fifty cent package of Pyramid Pile Cure at any drug store and try it tonight.

Those interested cannot be too strongly urged to write Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., for their little book describing the causes and cure of Piles, as it contains valuable information, and is sent free for the asking.

SANTA CLAUS WITH ENGELMOHR FURNITURE

is a welcome visitor to many homes. Xmas only one week off and will be brighter for many because they now have the opportunity of furnishing their homes without any sacrifice. Thomas & Co. are now winding up the great Engelmohr Bankrupt Furniture Sale, and in the great finish prices are being slaughtered. They bought the stock from the Mercantile Trust Co., Trustees in Bankruptcy, and are selling it for 25, 35 and 50 cents on the dollar. Get what you want and PAY WHEN YOU GET GOOD AND READY. NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS. DON'T NEED MONEY--LEAVE YOUR POCKETBOOK AT HOME--JOIN THE CROWD AND

PAY WHEN YOU GET GOOD AND READY.

Handsome Music Cabinets

Only $3.75
Worth $7.00

Mahogany finish; sold for $7.00 by Englemohr—Thomas is giving you a great bargain, makes a nice gift besides. You Pay When You Get Good and Ready.

Bamboo Tabourette

Only 35c

This extremely useful article sold by the hundreds when put on sale recently—we are ready to offer another lot at the same price.

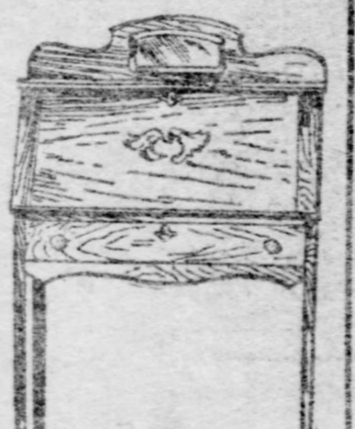
Have matting top and worth $1.00. Only a few left.

6 BEAUTIFUL PLATES

Only 50c

Think of it!—6 beautiful plates (like picture), richly decorated, gold stippled edges, for only 50c. It's the greatest special we ever offered. Englemohr sold the set for $1.75. Get here early Monday morning or you may be disappointed.

Ladies' Desks
OAK OR MAHOGANY



Only $3.25
Worth $6.00

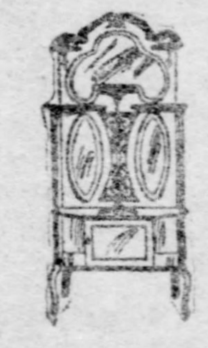
This makes a fine present—it's cheap at $6.00. Besides You Pay When You Get Good and Ready.

Large, Handsome Morris Chair, Only $3.75

This elegant Morris Chair is easily worth $7.00, and in fact that's what Engelmohr sold it for. Velour covering. It's a snap at $3.75.

COME EARLY.

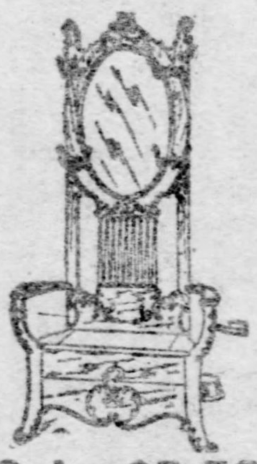
Parlor Cabinets



Only $15 and up

A rare piece of furniture—will make a gift that will be appreciated. Besides you pay for it when you get good and ready.

HALL RACKS



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And up. Useful and ornamental. Makes a welcome gift. Pay when you get good and ready.

COMBINATION BOOKCASES

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Engelmohr's price $20. Special value. Come quick if you want one. Pay when you get good and ready.

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Only $4.75

and up. Makes a useful Xmas gift. Pay when you get good and ready.

Children's Rockers

Only 50c

Children's Rockers in great variety. Pay when you get good and ready.

EASY ROCKER

Only $1.00

that doesn't need much to be said for it—it rocks itself into your favor at a glance. It's cheap at $2.00. Makes a useful Xmas gift.

HASSOCKS

Only 35c

This splendid footrest is made in different colors and of various grades of carpets, such as Axminsters, Velvets and Body Brussels. Worth 60c. Pay for it when you get good and ready.

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FLEMING MUST PAY OVER $62,318

Louis Pliner Gets 18 Months for Running a Fence for Burglars.

W. B. KIRKER WAS SWORN IN

Cochran Fleming, the surviving executor of the estate of the late John Fleming, was surcharged $62,318 by Judge Miller of orphans' court. John Fleming, who was a member of the drug firm of Fleming Bros., died November 2, 1870, leaving an estate of $200,000. In his will he named Cochran Fleming, Francis E. Porter and A. M. Byers as executors.

Among other legatees was one J. Pressly Fleming, Jr., a brother, who was given the income of $20,000, with remainder to the brother's sons, James Pressly and John L. Fleming. Porter and Byers, both of whom are now deceased, never acted as executors, Cochran Fleming taking full charge of the estate.

Within the last year J. P. Fleming, the nephew of John Fleming, through another proceeding in court, discovered that he and his brother were the remainder men of the $20,000 legacy, his father having died. This resulted in filing exceptions to the account of Cochran Fleming and citing the representatives of Porter and Byers to file accounts. The exceptions asked for surcharges of $80,824 07 for property not inventoried, $300,000 for the good will of Fleming Bros. and $7,983 29 for small estates in West Virginia and Louisiana, and objected to a credit of $39,007. Objections were also made to a claim of Cochran Fleming for $102,924 08.

No Claim Against Executors.

Judge Miller dismissed the exceptions as to the deceased executors Porter and Byers, on the ground that no supine negligence had been shown and that no assets had ever come into their hands. He finds that instead of the sum claimed to be due to Cochran Fleming the latter owes the estate $62,318. This he distributes as follows: Mary Fleming and Mary M. Byers, $5,000 each; Mrs. Annie Semple, $10,000, which has been paid; L. N. Wilcox and John F. Arthur $5,000 each, which has been paid; James Pressly Fleming and John L. Fleming, $10,000 each. The balance of the surcharge goes to Cochran Fleming, the executor.

Before Judge Brown in criminal court nine men who have been serving time in jail on account of being unable to pay costs were released by the court. The men were Casper Eisengofer, Henry Forman and Meyer Wolf, charged with surety of the peace; Melo Kecar, Frank Crohen, Thomas Mulkiviv and Theodore Coulson, charged with non-support, and Amos Newhouse and John Lierandowski, charged with misdemeanors. The men were all put in jail in order to serve time for the costs that have been taxed against them. All have served three months or more, some serving more time because of fines that had been imposed. The men were marched from the jail to the court room in a body. One by one they were called up and when told by Judge Brown that they were free wore happy smiles and hurriedly left the court room to get out into the open air.

Kirker Is Now Prothonotary.

The oath of office as prothonotary was taken by W. B. Kirker yesterday under appointment by the governor. He will serve until January, 1906. Mr. Kirker appointed W. J. McDonald, who has been in the office for many years, his chief clerk.

The opinion of the superior court in the appeal of Dr. Edward Cooper of New Castle was received by Prothonotary George Pearson. Dr. Cooper was convicted of malpractice in connection with the death of Mabel Williams. A new trial is granted on an error of the lower court in charging the jury.

Eighteen months to the workhouse was the sentence Louis Pliner, who was convicted of running a fence for the Gardner-Hunter gang of thieves, received from Judge Brown. Attorney John C. Haymaker, who represented Pliner, was not present in criminal court when sentence was passed and Pliner asked the court to postpone the sentence till his counsel arrived. Judge Brown said that Mr. Haymaker was ill and would not be present.

"But think of my business and family," said Pliner, when sentence was passed.

"It's a pity, Mr. Pliner," said Judge Brown, "but we can't help it."

Sentence was suspended on Amelia Kralovic, a Wilkinsburg servant girl, who concealed the death of her child. Steve Yancl, convicted of an attempt to commit a felony, was sentenced to serve 18 months in the workhouse.

Released as Insolvent.

After serving over four months in jail John Drabick, not yet 21 years old, of Woods Run, Allegheny, was before Judge Frazier, taking the benefit of the insolvency law to avoid carrying out a sentence of quarter sessions court. On each side of him stood a woman, with an infant in her arms, one his wife and the other Annie Ferko, who had caused his arrest and at whose suit he had been sent to jail. Drabick was released.

More of the troubles of the St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Croatian church of East Ohio street, Allegheny, were aired in court. Four of the members of the congregation, Z. V. Muzina, John Lynlic, John Svagaly and John Rathkal, were before the court on charges of surety of the peace, the informations being made by the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Father L. Laush.

The suits were the result of trouble which arose last Tuesday night. The defendants were ordered to pay the costs in the case and enter into bond in their own recognizance in the sum of $200 to keep the peace.

The plaintiff, the Rev. L. Laush, alleged that about 7:30 o'clock last Tuesday, the defendants came to his house, in the rear of the church and when the door was opened, forced their way inside and demanded an accounting of the affairs of the church. The priest ran from the house and fired two shots into the air to attract the attention of a policeman. He then ran into the house of a friend in Carpenter alley. From there he was escorted to the police station by an officer. Later the informations were made.

Contractor Must Pay Wife.

A. L. Tuff, a contractor, was before the court on a charge made by his wife Alice. The court ordered him to pay her $30 a month for her support. Mrs. Huff, who is now living at the Monongahela house, said her husband left her in October, while they were living in the East End at a boarding-house. Mrs. Huff said her husband earned from $150 to $200 a month, but this was denied, the husband stating that his income was not over $100 a month.

In the United States circuit court Leander Trautman was appointed examiner to take testimony to fix the fee for William G. Park and the Union Trust Company as receivers of the Clairton Steel Company.

John F. Wilcox of Syracuse, N. Y., sued the Semet-Salvay Company for $46,945 68 as salary under a contract. He alleges he had a contract at $12,000 a year for five years, which the defendant company has annulled.

The final order was entered in the case of Victoria Murray against the city of Allegheny in the Smoky Island case, in accordance with the mandate of the United States court of appeals. The ownership of the land is left undecided.

Libels in divorce were filed by Anna J. Emrick against Asa W. Emrick, Olga Boehm against Wenzel Boehm, Nellie L. Wilson against Daniel Wilson and Robert H. McConkey against Mary McConkey, each alleging indignities, and Sarah Emma Little against Perry Frank Little, alleging infidelity.

Woman Wants to Be Independent.

Anna C. Winters filed a petition asking that she be granted the right to be a feme sole trader. She alleges that she was granted a divorce from her husband, Frederick W. Winters, on a charge of desertion, and wishes to look after her own business affairs. January 7 was set for a hearing.

Daniel Waldschmidt filed a petition in the United States district court asking for a jury trial. He alleges that in July a petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed against him, and that his grocery has been sold by the receiver for $1,230. He denies that he ever committed an act of bankruptcy as alleged by his creditors.

Isaac Sallnsky, a salesman of Pittsburgh, filed a petition in bankruptcy. His assets are $300 and his liabilities $4,029 62.

Executions issued: John Henry O'Donnell vs. Barbara Christen, $2,123 50; Treasury Trust Company vs. D. W. Wylie, $1,560 50.

The appraisement of the Duquesne Printing Company was filed by the receiver, Joseph T. Colvin. It shows that $1,309 55 is due on outstanding bills and that there is $18 12 cash on hand. The type, engine and presses, together with the stock, is appraised at $16,743 58, a total asset of $18,071 20.

CONSTABLE AMENDS RETURN.

Viewers Appointed to Make Reports on Proposed Roads.

In quarter sessions court Constable Robert Buchter of West Deer township presented his amended quarterly return. He returns Mrs. Phelis Branzatti and Mrs. August Markorach for selling liquor without a license and selling liquor on Sunday.

Charles Davis, W. A. Young and Robert Guyton were appointed as a board of viewers to make a report on a proposed road in Ross and McCandless townships, from Thompson's road to the Seibert road.

A petition was presented by several residents of Robinson township asking for the change of about 300 yards of the Hookstown road, beginning at bridge No. 3 over Montour run. At the point mentioned the road is very steep and it is thought a change of location will eliminate the high grade. Charles Davis, Mark Robert and Hugh Long were appointed as a board of viewers to make a report later.

John Hoffman and Players in Academy of Music Orchestra

Front row, left to right—John Sassano, drums; John Hoffman, conductor; Gus Gollwitzer, second violin. Rear row—William Cooley, clarinet; William Kennedy, cornet; Oscar Koronoski, assistant conductor; F. Dietz, trombone; Charles Jackson, bass.

There are few men who are privileged to sit in the orchestra pit of the same theater for 22 consecutive years. A rare exception to this is John Hoffman, the leader of the orchestra of Harry Williams' Academy of Music. In 1882 he began his career in the well-known variety playhouse and has missed scarcely a performance since. For 42 weeks in the year he sits there and sees 11 performances a week, or 504 performances every 12 months. It would not be surprising if he should see burlesque scenes every time he closes his eyes.

In those 22 years he has seen the same chorus girls year after year. He has seen members of the chorus rise to the rank of leading women. He has seen Lillian Russell, the Roger brothers and Weber and Fields rise to the dignity and prosperity of charging $2 a seat at the best theaters in the country. He knows better than any one else the value of the variety stage as a training school for musical comedy stars.

Mr. Hoffman has an efficient orchestra, and some of them are veterans like himself. Mr. Jackson joined the Academy orchestra 15 years ago and Mr. Gollwitzer has served in the same capacity for 14 years.

CHADWICK YARN THAT WAS A JOKE

Reporter's Story of Two Sleuths Proved Eavesdropper to Be Rank Greenhorn.

IT WAS THRILLING ANYHOW

Don't look over a newspaperman's shoulder in the hope of stealing a march on the early edition while he is making notes or writing his copy.

He will not care a rap for the intrinsic value of his news, but the chances are that you will not be able to interpret his handwriting and you will learn nothing by the experiment. And beside, he is only human and does not like to have a stranger peering into his private affairs.

In Newell's hotel a few nights ago two reporters were copying a long list of names. It was a most trivial matter and there was no secrecy about their work. An inquisitive guest came along and stood in the background straining his eyes on the sheet of paper.

"Reporters, eh?" he said at length, still keeping his eyes on the list of names. The men at the desks did not answer, but exchanged knowing winks. Here was a chance to play a joke on a likely candidate and they did not overlook the opportunity.

"Did you say that Mrs. Chadwick's sister just came in?" asked one in a stage whisper. It caught the ear of the eavesdropper. He stared.

"Yes," replied the other reporter. "She was that tall, dark-haired woman in the crushed velvet gown. She's from Omaha and is going to New York to meet Mrs. Chadwick."

"What's she doing in Pittsburgh?"

"That's the point. It's a great story. Do you see that quiet man over there looking at the railroad time tables? Well he's a detective who has been employed by this woman and he came here to meet her and to enter into some negotiations for Mrs. Chadwick. They will hold a conference tonight."

Just Like Sherlock Holmes.

"Hot stuff," quietly whispered the other reporter. By this time the inquisitive man had seated himself at the window and behind a newspaper was drinking in every word that passed.

"Now do you see this fellow right over here at this desk? He's writing on foolscap paper. Take note of him. He's a crack man from the New York front office force. It seems that the authorities got next to this sister's game and this man is shadowing the other detective—"

"Great Scott!" interrupted the second reporter. The inquisitive man almost jumped from his seat.

"Sh—" cautioned the speaker. "That's what's up. Now the detective employed by Mrs. Chadwick is next to this other sleuth's game. Just at this minute he is planning to get Mrs. Chadwick's sister out of the house. He bribed a porter here to get a suit of men's clothes and take to her room. At a quarter after 10 o'clock she will come down the elevator and stop here a moment in the office and take six matches out of the box on the counter. She will wear a long overcoat and will have her hair coiled up underneath a black derby hat. If she drops one match on the floor her detective will know that she has gone to the Hotel Schenley. If she drops two it will mean that she has gone to the Henry. If she drops three he will understand that she will be found at the Monongahela and so on. She will drop the matches as if by accident just as she steps in the elevator."

"Yes, but won't the New York detective keep close eyes on the other sleuth?" asked the second reporter.

"My dear old chap, will you never learn anything?" cried the first reporter impatiently. "These detectives are the smoothest in the business. Mrs. Chadwick's man is a ventriloquist. He knows that the moment he goes to the woman's room that this fellow at the desk will follow him and will hang around out in the corridor to hear every word that is spoken. The New York man has one of those patent ear-drum attachments, you know.

A Midnight Conference.

"Well, after the woman has gone out unsuspected, her man will go to her room, leaving word at the office that he has a conference on hands and that he must not be disturbed. Up he goes to her room and stuffs the keyhole. The other man follows a few minutes afterward and crouches at the door. If another guest happens along the corridor and sees him, he will pretend that he is looking for something. The man inside being a clever ventriloquist speaks for the absent woman and for himself and will carry on a conversation that will throw the New Yorker away off in the dark.

"As he leaves the room he will say, 'Now you wait here for Madame De-Foi-Gras while I go out for a notary to make affidavit to the signatures on these notes.' Of course the sleuth outside will wait to see this Madame De-Foi-Gras and Mrs. Chadwick's detective will skip away and join his client. This is to be one of the greatest pieces of detective work ever performed. We are going to print six columns of the story in the morning."

The two reporters exchanged glances again and walked slowly out of the room. By this time "Mrs. Chadwick's sleuth" had gone to sleep in a chair, but the other continued working on his voluminous correspondence. The reporters saw the inquisitive man throw down his paper and walk cautiously over to the "detective" at the desk. A quiet conversation followed, which was interrupted by the man throwing down his pen and crying out in rage:

"You're crazy. Me a detective? I'm a traveling salesman for Upstine & Downcash, Rochester clothing jobbers. If you interrupt me again and say Chadwick to me I'll pound you within an inch of your life. Who told you that ridiculous yarn? You ought to be declared a lunatic."

The inquisitive man in amazement looked toward the door, but the two reporters had gone. Outside in the stairway he heard their laughter and took the hint.

Will Be Tendered a Benefit.

Harry Colgate, the well-known baseball umpire and ex-player, who has been seriously ill for some months, will be tendered a benefit ball at the Homestead Opera house Tuesday evening. Colgan was for years a player in the old Interstate league. His illness has left him without power in his lower limbs.

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STEAMBOATS TOW THEIR RATIONS

Water-Laden Flats Have Solved the Bailer Supply Question for the Present.

RIVERMEN TALK OF ACTION

Steamboats on the local rivers are carrying their own rations now and the plan has proved a complete success. For several weeks all the boats now running have been towing flats loaded with water or else carrying a supply in tanks on their decks. The scheme has already more than paid for itself in the saving of boiler repairs.

The dumping of sulphuric and muriatic acids into the rivers by the steel plants and manufacturing concerns along the rivers has become so serious that steamboats plying the streams can no longer use the water for their boilers. Until the present plan of carrying water rations was adopted the boats were being laid up about every 48 hours for boiler repairs and the condition was rapidly growing worse. Not only were frequent repairs necessary, but there was imminent danger that boilers would be completely ruined.

In this emergency one river man hit upon a happy idea. The Allegheny river is free from the acid, there being no large manufacturing plants along its banks. This river man took a flat around into the Allegheny and pumped it full of water. It held about 30,000 gallons. He towed this around to the Monongahela, and when water was needed for his boilers it was an easy matter to drop the injector pipe into the flat. The plan proved so good that soon all the others adopted it. Tanks were constructed on some of the boats, and now all the pool boats which travel the Monongahela are using water which is taken from the Allegheny and carried to them in flats.

The acid question is a burning one with the river men, who have had their boilers burned out. It is also a serious matter with the railroads. The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad has been suffering greatly all the way from Connellsville to Youngstown. Dozens of engines have been crippled and the company has had difficulty keeping enough motive power in order to move its trains. The Baltimore & Ohio is another sufferer, while mills along the river have been losing hundreds of thousands of dollars from the acid. South Side people are drinking water which eats out a steel boiler in a few days. All because the mill owners refuse to put in a reducing plant by which they could make an excellent quality of fertilizer and make more money from this waste product than the plant would cost.

The plan of carrying water for the boilers has attracted attention from navigators all over the country. The marine journals have been full of the project and have discussed the acid question in all its bearings. The most surprising thing to each of them is that the vast river interests of Pittsburgh look so calmly on the matter and make no efforts to stop the dumping of tons of acid into the rivers. As yet no real move in this direction has been taken. There has been some talk along this line, but it has not produced any action as yet. The river men are just hoping for a rise which will scour out the rivers and so dilute the acid that it will have no effect. At present the analysis in the pools show that 10 grains of acid are held in every gallon of water. That is enough to eat out all the boilers built and all the stomachs whose proprietors are careless enough to drink the South Side water.

Screamed and Frightened Burglar.

A burglar was discovered in the act of entering the home of George Wilcox, Moody street, Braddock, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning by Mrs. Wilcox, who screamed and frightened the man away. The window had been pryed open and the burglar was stepping into the room when Mrs. Wilcox awakened.

BRITAIN MAKING HAY WHILE ENEMIES FIGHT

War in the Far East Is Helping England's Plans in Persia. Pushing Her Scheme.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

LONDON, Dec. 17.—England wisely believes in making hay—and gathering it in, too—while the sun shines. While the Yellow man has been holding the absorbed attention of the Bear (and as much of his lead as is comfortable), England has been expeditionizing so successfully in southeastern Persia (in the unobstrusive way becoming a truly great and modest empire, which likes to keep its name out of the papers), that now all that great and important tract is under British influence, and the Persian gulf will soon be practically as British a pond as is Windmere.

The Bear has just sniffed the Persian game and is beginning to cast an occasional glance over his shoulder.

Some of the St. Petersburg papers wonder if it might not be wiser to make peace with the empire which is the special appenage of the sun in order to break peace with the empire that owns to sun and all the firmament—fish and game rights included.

If the Yellow man could be soothed war with Britain would be just now a most popular thing in Russia, and give back to its autocracy much of the prestige in the eyes of the Russian masses that they have in the last six months lost. "The Tight Little Isle" will hardly see its way to oblige the Russian autocracy in this presently. In the matter of war she is yet suffering a good deal from Boerdom.

KING SCORES FOR PEACE.

Edward Thanked by Organized Workers for Pacific Policy He Is Pursuing.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Special Cable.)—King Edward has again scored in the interests of peace. The parliamentary committee of the trades union congress, which represents some two million organized workers, wrote to his majesty thanking him for the tenor of his speech relating to the treaty of Portugal, and expressed its hearty appreciation of the king's hope that both countries may long continue to work together for the cause of humanity and the maintenance of peace.

The letter ends: "We feel confident that your majesty's expression will find a sympathetic echo in the hearts of your subjects, and we, as a portion of them, beg most respectfully to express the hope that your majesty may long be spared to help on the good cause of international peace and the good of humanity." The visit and reception of the king and queen of Portugal, therefore, is already bearing good fruit, and has shown how it delighteth the heart of John Bull to show hospitality to the foreign monarch who wishes to honor England.

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Men's Fine Kid Gloves, made of heavy cape stock, special 95c

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Men's colored silk Shield Bows, the best value ever sold at 25c, Monday half price 12½c

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$1.00 Kid Body Dolls, 22 inches long; special price 79c

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Doll Cabs and Go-Carts, in many pretty new kinds, at 98c, $1.98

40c Tool Chests, complete tool outfit for boys 24c

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All-Linen Bleached Damask Table Sets—Pattern cloth with one dozen dinner napkins to match

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Men's Pocketbooks, Bill Books and Cigar Cases—worth $1.50 98c

MYSTERY OF SHOT IS TO BE PROBED

Tragedy at Old Frame Is Again to Be Investigated by the Coroner.

COUNTY DETECTIVE IS BUSY

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

FAIRCHANCE, PA., Dec. 17.—"My dear sirs, I did not say I shot myself."

This statement, made with almost the last breath of Eugene Lester Emery, but which does not appear in the records of the coroner's inquest, held by a justice of the peace, has determined the coroner of Fayette county, Dr. A. S. Hagan, to reopen the inquest.

Lester, who was store manager for the Hustead-Semans Coal Company at East Millsboro, had lost a valuable hunting

EUGENE LESTER EMERY.
Killed at Old Frame.

dog. With Constable William Altman of Masontown, in a two-horse buggy, they were in search of the suspected thief on the evening of Monday, November 28. They reached Old Frame, about three miles from Smithfield, shortly before 9 o'clock. Half an hour later they returned to the store of J. H. Moser at Old Frame. Altman called to Moser, telling him that his companion was shot. The buggy started toward Smithfield for medical assistance, but Emery's condition became so bad he was taken into a vacant house belonging to Moser. Here every effort was made to relieve Emery until Dr. Walter Messmore arrived from Smithfield. A little later Dr. Altman of Masontown, a half-brother of the constable, arrived.

Emery had been shot through the right side, the bullet, from a 45-caliber revolver, emerging at the right side of the spine. The wound was inflicted by Constable Altman's weapon, according to the latter's testimony.

The physicians quickly gave up all hope of their patient's recovery, and began to question him as to the manner in which he was injured. He said the shooting was accidental, but gave no

DR. A. S. HAGAN.
Coroner of Fayette County.

further information on that point. When Altman asked him if he, Altman, had fired the shot, Emery said: "No," but when it was suggested to Emery that he had shot himself, he replied, with every evidence of indignation: "My dear sirs, I did not say I shot myself."

Among those in the room with the dying man, in addition to the two physicians and Constable Altman, were J. H. Moser, George G. Dils and C. C. Sturgess of Old Frame.

Emery, who was 28 years old, died about 3 o'clock the following morning. Coroner Hagan was notified by telephone and deputized Justice C. H. Howard of Masontown to hold an inquest. At the hearing, according to the record, the only witnesses were Dr. and Constable Altman, and the verdict was that Emery had died from a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted by himself. The other persons present when Emery died were surprised they were not called upon to testify.

The Emery family, which has large business interests in Washington and Fayette counties, was not satisfied. They believed the shooting, although purely accidental, was not done by Emery. With that idea, a member of the family, accompanied by an attorney and a notary public, visited all those persons who were with Emery when he died, but had not been called at the inquest, and secured sworn statements from them. These were submitted to Coroner Hagan, but he said he had not been satisfied with the verdict himself and had already instructed the county detective to make an investigation and that official reported he had secured important evidence not submitted at the inquest. For that reason, Coroner Hagan said, he had decided to reopen the inquest, conduct the hearing himself and call every one who could possibly throw any light on the tragedy, to testify. The inquest will probably be held next week.

KING'S INTEREST SAVES LADY CURZON'S LIFE

Dispatched Specialist Who Ordered Her Removal from Unsanitary Walmer Castle.

(Special Correspondence to The Gazette.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—I hear that the illness of Lady Curzon was very much prolonged by the state of Walmer castle, and that it was not until a great health specialist was sent down by the express orders of the king himself that the foul and almost incredible condition of the building was discovered. Indeed, if it had not been for the timely visit of this gentleman it is doubtful if Lady Curzon would be in the land of the living today.

Just fancy—this is what I am told—that into the very room where the poor lady lay, with a temperature of 104, and after a severe operation—where, in fact, she was fighting her last desperate and almost hopeless battle with death—just fancy, there entered a pipe which conveyed the gas from a sewer. If she had not been removed from this room she, of course, would have had no chance whatever of winning in the desperate struggle. And this is the dwelling which was supposed to be such a generous gift from the state to one of its great servants!

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Archduchess Is a Nun

Photograph of Archduchess Marie Immaculata, one of the few members of the imperial house of Hapsburg who says she is perfectly happy. The archduchess, who is a daughter of Archduke Leopold of Austria, some time ago entered a convent, where she is doing good among the poor.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE WITH TRAINED BRONCO

Not Used to Eastern Vernacular, Pony Throws Trainer to the Ground.

P. T. Barnes, who resides on the Swissvale road, is very fond of fast riding, and in order to speed the country roadways purchased a bronco at a local horse and mule exchange Thursday. The appearance of the animal was all that could be desired. It was a 3-year-old and as full of life and alert as any western pony ever brought east.

His first experience of riding this beast, which was fresh from the prairies, is the subject of this story. When he made the purchase he realized to ride it home without a saddle would be similar to the corporal punishment inflicted upon miscreants—riding the fence rail. So he secured a fine saddle, with a bridal to match.

Unknown to Barnes, the animal had been given a prairie training, having for the past year been in charge of a cowboy. Barnes started out of the city at a slow gait, intending to test the speed of the pony at a place where municipal ordinances would not interfere.

When a short distance out the Swissvale road he decided to try the speed of his new possession. He slackened the lines, but the pony only jogged along at a canter. He used all modern methods to urge the animal to divide the atmosphere, but of no avail. The little beast hung his head and traveled slower than the average man walks.

After plodding along for a while a dog came down the road, and Barnes called the canine and said "Ketch 'em." As soon as the pony heard the driver say "Ketch 'em," it pricked up its ears and started on a gallop, and was soon going at a gait seldom surpassed on the race tracks. It was all Barnes could do to remain in the saddle. In fact, he was out of it more than in it; but he stuck to the poney. Finally the ride became too daring for Barnes, and he considered it wise to slacken its speed, fully convinced the pony could travel as fast as he had been represented by the manager of the exchange.

"Whoa," said Barnes, in a voice which sounded as though it was his last word in this world.

The animal took one spring in the air and then came down on all four feet at once, stopping as dead as though it had bumped against a stone wall. But Barnes did not stop. He went over the pony's head and then rolled over several times along the road. He collected himself in a few minutes, and found, upon taking an inventory, that he had escaped with the loss of a few square inches of cuticle. Upon looking along the road he faced the pony, which was looking at his new master with calmness and wonder.

The pony is for sale.

ESSEX MEN EAT MICE TO SHOW THEIR COURAGE

Singular Performance Brought to Light in Magisterial Proceedings at Beaumont.

[Special Cable to The Gazette.]

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The one quality that I particularly like about British bravery is its perseverance—in one guise or other—despite all discouragement. Since those melancholy days in South Africa, when the bad, bold Boers would—despite assurances from the London papers that the British soldiery was the bravest within the world's rim—persist in chasing the English army all over the continent, and inhumanely lamming it over the head whenever it stopped to rest the empire has been looking out for some less uncomfortable style of giving the bravery of its people vent.

The rustics in Essex seem to have found a way.

When one of these gentlemen was brought before the Thrope magistrates, the other day, charged with being exhilarated, it was explained that at an inn in Beaumont he had eaten a mouse for a prize of four pints of beer; and it was stated that the laborers of Essex commonly ate mice to show their courage. Well, 'tis a consolation to the empire, anyhow, to know that its men are not yet afraid of mice.

THE KING AND THE MONKS.

Edward Presents New Piano to the Delighted Inhabitants of St. Bernard.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—When King Edward, as prince of Wales, visited the monks of St. Bernard many years ago, he was struck by the monotony of the life in the Alpine convent, and presented them with a piano, to their great delight. Not long since it reached the king's ears that the old piano was worn out, so, with his accustomed generosity, he ordered another to be dispatched immediately.

The new instrument had to be taken by sleigh across the dangerous mountain paths, and only reached its destination after much difficulty. Few people can understand how greatly this gift is appreciated by the lonely, snowbound Samaritans; shut away, as they are, amidst eternal winter and eternal snows, they could receive no present more welcome than King Edward's piano. This is but one more instance of the king's tact and forethought.

AFTER NECK PROTECTOR, ASKED FOR A PUDDING

Gale Insisted on Girl Behind Counter Selling Him a Charlotte Russe.

A man may have a very good idea regarding the appearance or effect of woman's garments when completed, but he is lamentably weak when called upon to specify which particular item of the apparel is faulty. Likewise is he weak in remembring the names of the various fabrics used in their making. A striking illustration of this was afforded yesterday when Walter Gale, whose wife was too busy to attend to the shopping, asked him to buy some articles which she needed for her dress.

Mr. Gale seldom has occasion to purchase any save his own clothes, so he made careful mental note of the items and later put them on paper as a further safeguard against a mistake. About 4 in the afternoon he walked up to the ribbon counter of one of the large department stores and in a mater-of-fact tone said:

"I want four yards of Charlotte russe."

"Four yards of wha-a-at?" said the girl at the counter.

"I want four yards of Charlotte russe, the kind you wear 'round your neck." Gale was commencing to feel uneasy.

The saleslady retreated to the further end of the counter, nearly convulsed, and was immediately surrounded by her friends from the other departments who had been attracted by the angry tones of the customer and wanted to know the joke. She repeated his inquiry, and, followed by the others, came back to her place and asked him to repeat his question.

By this time Gale was rattled. Emphatically he stated his wants with the added information that there were other stores in town and that if she wasn't quick about it he would go where he could get what he wanted without having to furnish amusement for a lot of school girls.

Of course, they were all laughing but managed to explain that Charlotte russe was a pudding, not neckwear, and that what he wanted was ruching, about one-quarter yard, for use on a dress. Gale meekly assented to the proposal that she substitute one-quarter yard for the four yards he ordered. He even went so far as to ask her to look over the remaining items on his list, as he feared he was not posted on that class of goods.

WOMAN TO DESIGN AND BUILD LONDON HOUSES

LONDON, Dec. 177.—At the Regent street polytechnic, of which the late Quinton Hogg was the founder, there has arrived the first lady builder. Miss Elspeth McClelland has been attending the practical building classes, where she is the only woman among 600 men students, and is now preparing the plans of her first house, which is to be erected near Tunbridge Wells. Miss McClelland will not only design, but will personally superintend the erection of all the houses she intends to build.

WHAT DO YOU CARE? YOU'VE GOT YOUR HEALTH.

Great Natures do Not Despair at Disappointment—They Look for Something Else to Do.

The broad-gauged man of today does not get blue just because things don't always come his way, unless there is something the matter with him. If he "falls downs" on one proposition he immediately starts to looks up another. He always looks forward and keeps on hustling. A man with his health and facilities has plenty of opportunities and the man who gives up or even feels like it has either a small nature or some physical weakness.

Dyspepsia certainly puts the best of men out of condition for work of any kind. You cannot blame the dyspeptic for getting blue. The very nature of his disease is most depressing and calculated to deprive him of ambition, energy and hope. There is hope for him, however, certain and sure.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are recognized throughout the length and breadth of the land as the one cure that's safe and sure. Their unbounded popularity—resulting from the thousands and thousands of cures they have effected, prove beyond the shadow of a doubt their greatness as a cure. Wherein lies their greatness? In the very fact that they are Nature's own simple remedy. They do the exact work in exactly the same way that the digestive fluids of the stomach do, because they are composed of exactly the same elements and possess the same properties. They relieve the weak and worn out stomach of its burden of digestion and permit it without let or hindrance to rest and grow sound and well. The stomach will get well quick enough in its own natural way if it is let alone. That is what Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets do. They not only let it alone themselves but make the food taken into the stomach do the same.

You can satisfy yourself of the truth of this statement by putting the food you would eat into a glass jar with sufficient water and one of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. The process of digestion will be taken up and carried out just as the gastric juice and other digestive fluids would do it. Their action is natural and they cause no disturbance in the digestive organs. In fact you forget you have a stomach when they begin to do their work, so mild and natural is the operation. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are for sale by all druggists at 50c a box.

DOUBLE TRAGEDIES ARE SOMETIMES ECONOMICAL

Persons Who Commit Murder Save the Taxpayers Money by Killing Themselves.

Men and women who commit murder and then takes their lives save the county considerable expense. During last year there were four crimes of that character committed in Alegheny county. A murder trial costs the county about $18 a minute, and during the year several hundred thousand dollars is expended in that manner. In cases where the slayer takes his or her own life, the county is only put to the cost of holding an inquest.

On March 28, Thomas Selman of Munhall, shot and killed his sweetheart, Cecelia G. Farrell, in her brother's hotel at No. 67 Fulton street. Selman turned the revolver on himself and put a bullet through his head.

On May 30, Kate Craft of Braddock shot and killed her lover, Irwin E. Wise, in her rooms at No. 309 St. Mary's court, Allegheny, and then shot herself through the head. It was first thought the man killed the woman, but at the inquest it was found that Wise was the victim of the woman's jealousy.

On June 14, Robert Snowden, colored, shot and killed his wife in Mifflin township. Two days after the tragedy his body was found in a clump of bushes near his home with a bullet through his head and a revolver in his hand.

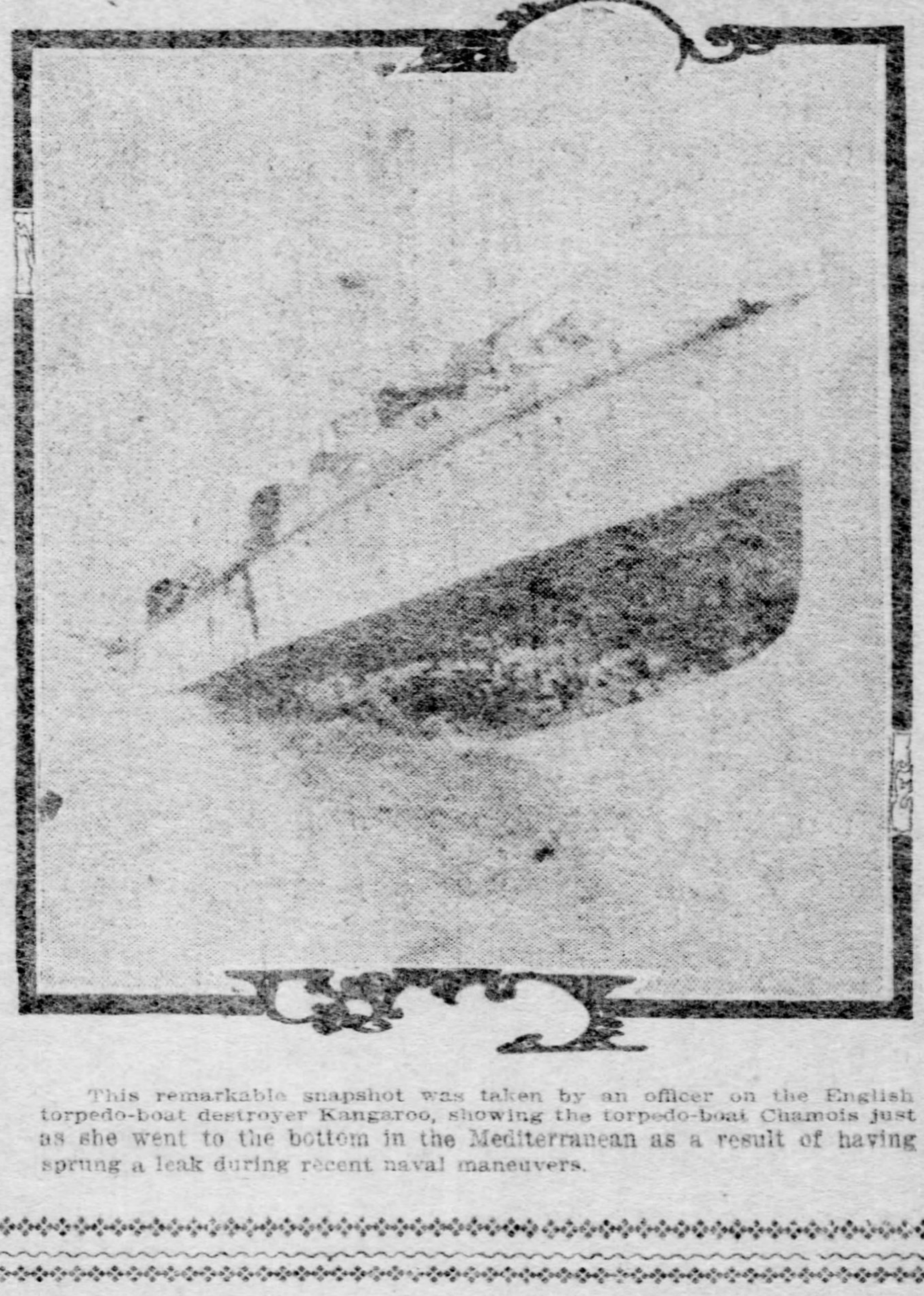
On October 24, Peter Fitzwilliams shot and killed Mrs. Sarah Walters in her home at No. 2592 Frazier street and then killed himself. The tragedy was the outcome of jealousy.

During the year a number of men shot women and then killed themselves, but the women recovered.

Japanese Engineers Visit the Gazette.

Y. Sakai, M. Matsuoka, Garo Fujimato, Japanese engineering apprentices at the Westinghouse Electric and Machine Company, together with George Kaiser, Arthur J. Hall, H. Eloesser, A. Peyer and other members of the Electric club of Wilkinsburg, visited the printing establishment of The Gazette yesterday afternoon and were much interested in the methods and systems of creating a modern newspaper.

Sinking Boat Photographed



This remarkable snapshot was taken by an officer on the English torpedo-boat destroyer Kangaroo, showing the torpedo-boat Chamois just as she went to the bottom in the Mediterranean as a result of having sprung a leak during recent naval maneuvers.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SHOPPING: London Stores Contrasted With Large Ones as We Know Them

In the course of a description of the typical "department" store of the United States, an American lady correspondent stated that "the clerks do not seek to sell goods, it being their policy to discipline the customers so that it may be a privilege to be permitted to buy," says the London Telegraph. "Europeans miss the polite attention to which they are accustomed at home. Anyone who has gone through the experience of shopping in an American department store for the first time will come out a chastened being. There one learns for the first time what it is not to be even important enough to be worth while as a customer." There are, of course, many advocates of transatlantic customs, who are fond of telling us that our own system of shopping is hopelessly wrong. Time is wasted, say these critics, and the shopman or woman is pressingly anxious to force unwanted goods upon a customer, or treats with haughty indifference the request to see something cheaper or better than that which is first shown. It may be granted that here and there troublesome shoppers, who do not know their own minds, and who impose wholly unnecessary labor upon the assistants by asking to see things which they have no intention of buying, are somewhat curtly treated when their want or purpose becomes apparent. But on the whole the average visitor to a shop, having some definite requirement, has little cause to complain either of the assistant's inattention or want of intelligent perception of her particular needs.

Questioned upon the subject, the managing director of one of London's greatest houses, which has adopted many American ideas in its system of business, said that so far as the general principles of waiting upon customers went, the methods of New York or Chicago would be very inacceptable to London. In this country the customer liked the courteous attention of the well-mannered shopwalker, who directed her to the particular counter or saloon she was seeking, she was glad to consult the head of a department on the subject of a material or a trimming, and she appreciated the suggestion by the salesman or woman of some novelty that had not before presented itself to her mind. She had no wish to wander aimlessly through a shop merely looking at the attractive wares on either hand, and felt herself to be somewhat slighted if no one offered to assist her. But in the United States the attitude was quite different. There the shop visitor wanted to "look around," and, perhaps, to enjoy the advantages of the rest room, the library, or the art gallery, which are features of these huge undertakings. Moreover, as far as the assistants themselves are concerned, the American owner of the shop starts on the assumption that he must protect himself against fraud on their part, and the result is a hampering system of red tape in every stage of the transaction, which wastes time and tries the temper to an extent that the shopper in this country would never tolerate. The purchaser selects what is wanted and whether the item is small or bulky, fragile or heavy, it, together with the shopman's statement as to price, and the money handed over, is taken away to a floor above. Here, the marked price and the bill are first checked and then cash and bill go on to another department. The change, if any, is again checked, customers must wait their turn in strict rotation and thus not infrequently as much as 20 minutes, or ever more, are wasted over the simplest little bargain.

The best shop assistants, whether men or women, are those that come young into a good house in the lowest grades and aim to attain the higher positions as they become capable of filling them. No school has yet been attempted to specialize teaching of the different attributes desirable in, say, the department of the gloves and lace, or the blankets and household linens, yet it is obvious that the knowledge which might stand in good stead in the one, would be of little service in the other. At this time of year the observant customer may not more than a little variation in the quickness, the readiness, and the manner of speech among those behind the counters, for at this time the extra business of the popular Christmas bazaars necessitates the engagement of numbers of extra hands, some of whom are actual beginners, while others, who have had some experience, perhaps in a humbler class of shop, hope that it may lead to a permanent position in a better one, or that at least they may be kept over the winter sales, which also involve additions to the regular staff. But it would seem to be the general opinion among those most competent to judge that very little custom is lost to a shop under existing conditions through a want of readiness on the assistants' part to meet the customer's demands in the most satisfactory manner. Complaints reach the heads of great houses extremely rarely, but when they do they are carefully investigated and there is short shrift indeed for any assistant who has shown negligence or discourtesy. Shopping would be a far less popular task with ladies than it is if they felt in any way aggrieved at the manner in which it is carried out, and with the luxurious appointments of our popular firms—one of which is now fitting up what will be practically a ladies club for its accredited patronesses—the tea and luncheon rooms, and the facilities afforded generally, there would seem little inducement to substitute the system of the mammoth American establishments.

BANK STATEMENT.

Contraction in Loans of $22,031,700 Did Not Occasion Much Surprise in Wall Street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The $22,031,700 contraction in bank loans shown by the weekly statement of the associated banks today did not occasion much surprise in Wall street, where the extent of the liquidation in the stock market was understood. The heavy reduction gives peculiar interest to the changes of individual banks shown in the table below.

Noteworthy changes from last Saturday in cash holdings of institutions, figured out for The Sunday Gazette from this afternoon's bank statements, are as follows:

	Increase.	Decrease.
Bank of New York	$ 677,000	....
Bank of the Manhattan Co.	....	$ 71,000
Merchants National	....	258,000
Mechanics National	....	314,000
Bank of America	763,000	....
National City	2,039,000	....
Importers & Traders	338,000	....
Natoinal Park	1,877,000	....
Fourth National	....	827,000
First National	....	2,486,000
Chase National	1,102,000	....
Chemical National	....	183,000
American Exchange	823,000	....
Commerce	....	1,693,000
Mercantile	....	269,000
North America	....	72,000
Hanover National	994,000	....
Corn Exchange	....	442,000

Important changes in the loan accounts were as follows:

	Increase.	Decrease.
Bank of New York	....	$ 138,000
Manhattan Company	....	613,000
Merchants National	....	544,000
Mechanics National	....	332,000
Bank of America	....	431,000
National City	....	9,056,000
Chemical National	....	308,000
American Exchange	....	1,262,000
Commerce	....	2,600,000
Mercantile National	....	723,000
North America	$ 41,600	....
Hanover National	....	827,000
Corn Exchange	....	352,000
Importers & Traders	77,000	....
National Park	....	1,634,000
Fourth National	....	676,000
First National	958,000	....
Chase National	348,000	....
Lincoln National	....	502,000

Want to Issue $20,000 of Bonds.

The school board of the new borough of Whittaker will meet tomorrow evening to pass a resolution submitting to the voters a proposition to issue $20,000 worth of bonds. Of this $9,000 is owed to Mifflin township from which the borough was created and $11,000 will be used for the erection of a new building.

Standard Trix Cards

Greatest on earth—Nothing like them—Domino system of numbering. Patented 1903. Instantly successful. Just right for socials. Society's favorite. Played everywhere by young and old. Rules for Ten of the most fascinating games ever invented free with each pack, namely, TRIX, the king of all card games, FORTY-TWO for lovers of whist, TRIX FOOTBALL, all the rage, played just like real football with its fine points, and seven other interesting games. TRIX FOOTBALL tournaments are great. All domino games can be played with standard TRIX cards. Sold by most dealers or by mail. Enameled, 50 cents; gilt edge, 75 cents.

READ & WHITE GAME CO.,
Drawer P 591, Bloomington, Ill.

For Sale by L. H. Smith W. W. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Boggs & Buhl, Allegheny, Pa.

"Eleventh Hour" Selection Wonderful at Smit's!

Smit's reserve-stock facilities are tremendous. They must be to enable Smit to cope, and cope rightly, with his immense trade. Hence there is no reason for surprise in the fact that Smit can show you for this last week before Christmas stocks of Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, etc., that are fresh and complete.

Remember that we cannot attempt to enumerate everything we carry in the following list. There are hundreds of other desirable articles at the store, any of which may be just the thing that will capture your fancy. Also remember that we save you about one-fourth in price as against any other store's figures.

During the morning hours is the best time to buy, but we have plenty of courteous salespeople to satisfactorily wait on you in the afternoon or evening.

All Jewelry and Silverware Engraved Free

Watches for Men

$25 value at Smit's for $16.
$40 value at Smit's for $25.

The finest line you will see anywhere of Gentlemen's 14-k solid gold Watches—have highest grade Elgin or Waltham movements, $50 to $100.

Smit offers you a Diamond of surprising size — a handsome, fiery stone — valued elsewhere at $15 to $18, for only **$10**

Smit offers you a Diamond of unusual size and brilliancy — the quality and weight valued elsewhere at $40, for **$25** Set in Ring or Stud.

Standard $65 value Diamond — now offered you by Smit at fully $15 less, or **$50**

Standard $95 value Diamond — now offered you by Smit at $20 less, or **$75**

Standard $135 value Diamond — magnificent quality — now offered you by Smit for **$100**

Ladies' Watches

$25 value at Smit's for $16.
$40 value at Smit's for $25.

Unequaled line of Ladies' Solid Gold Watches, studded with genuine diamonds—$35 to $75.

Ladies' Silver Chatelaine Bags — most satisfying variety of them, $2 to $16.

Beautiful 8-Day Mantel Clocks — many designs to please all fancies, at $5 to $10.

Complete lines of Imported Bronzes, Teplitz Ware, Hand Painted Plaques and Vases, Cut Glass, Lamps, etc., representing the newest and most fascinating creations in grand variety.

Solid Gold Pens, with pearl handles, $1 to $2.

Sterling Silver Baby Spoons, $1.25 to $1.50.

Sterling silver, gold filled and solid gold Signet Bracelets, $2 to $12.

Brooch—a bird of pearls with diamond beak—the $25 value of other stores, here for $15.

Solid Gold Stick Pins—numberless beautiful designs, $1.50 to $4.

Latest styles Festoon Neck Chains—gold filled, set with stones of any color you wish, $5 to $10.

Silver Manicure Sets — variety is immense, $3 upward.

Sterling Silver Match Safes — splendid variety of handsomely carved ones, $1 to $4.

Solid Gold Cuff Links — you've never seen a larger or finer display, at $2 to $5.

Infants' and Children's Signet Rings—solid gold, $1.

Big line of Ladies' Wrist Bags, representing this season's latest and most handsome styles, $1 to $6.

Gold filled Bead Neck Chains, $2 to $5.

Solid Gold Birth-Stone Rings, $1.50 to $3.50.

Solid Gold Locket—beautiful heart shape set with genuine diamond (no chip); $12 in other stores, at Smit's for $7.50.

Gold Filled Watch Fobs—a splendid variety from which to please the man or boy, $1 to $4.

Solid Gold Watch Fobs—unequaled variety of these in newest designs, at $3.50 to $10.

Quadruple Silver Cups for children at $1 to $2.

Quadruple Silver Water Sets, $10 to $15.

Quadruple Silver Chocolate and Coffee Sets, $12 to $18.

"1847" Rogers Teaspoons, $1.25 set.
"1847" Rogers Tablespoons, $2.25 set.

"1847" Rogers Pie Knives, Salad Spoons and Gravy Ladles, $1.25 each.

Silver Toilet Sets — comb, brush and mirror, $5 to $18.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Pure Silk Umbrellas—sterling silver, gold filled and natural wool handles; unusually great variety of them, at $3 to $6.

Quadruple Silver Tea Pots, $10 to $25.

Quadruple Silver Baking Dishes, at $4 to $10.

Quadruple Silver Fruit and Cake Dishes, $2.00 to $7.50.

Brooch—beautiful design of solid gold with diamond setting — the $16 value of other stores, here for $12.

Brooch — genuine diamond surrounded with pearls—the $40 value of other stores, here for $25.

Latest Imported Novelties in Back Combs and Belt Buckles, $2 to $5.

Diamond Locket — 14 karat solid gold, beautifully embelished and set with genuine diamond — worth $30, but the Smit way brings the price down to $20.

Boys' and Girls' Signet Rings — solid gold—big variety of handsome designs, $1.75, $2 and $2.50.

Misses' Solid Gold Stone Rings — a big selection of beauties from which to choose, $1.50 to $2.

Brooch — a superb creation — set with brilliant genuine diamonds — $100 is asked for it elsewhere. Smit wants but $75.

Signet Rings — sizes for men and women — splendid showing of captivating designs, $4 to $10.

Children's Bracelets — in sterling or gold filled — a handsome gift for the little one, $1.00.

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GREEN CHRISTMAS DOWN IN MEXICO

Many Quaint Customs Are Observed There During the Merry Holiday Season.

PINATA PARTIES THE VOGUE

Christmas in Mexico! Not the typical Christmas we know, of cold and snow and ice, but one of bright, warm sunshine, deep cloudless blue skies, flowers in profusion, trees in full foliage of multishaded greens, a life out of doors because one simply cannot remain indoors when nature holds forth such tempting allurements.

At least a week before Christmas, in the principal streets of Mexico, arches are erected from sidewalk to sidewak, festooned with wreaths of flowers and bunting in the national colors—red, white and green. Under the arches of the portales, running to the south of the zocolo, booths are erected and every imaginable toy manufactured in Mexico is on sale.

In every Mexican house, whether of the upper or the lower class, great preparations are made for what is called the "Pinata." Every child begs and scrapes and saves the centavos for weeks and months ahead. All kinds of articles are made especially for this ceremony, and every family vies with its friends and neighbors to have its pinata more beautiful and fanciful than any one else's.

The pinata is really an earthenware utensil which is in general use for cooking. It is called in common parlance an olla and is of brown pottery, something like the old fashioned earthenware crock used in the north, before enamelware became the fad.

These pinatas are large or small, as the purse of the purchaser permits. They are round—pot bellied—and very large at the top. They are sold from door to door, on the streets and in the markets. They only cost 10, 15 or 20 centavos, but the olla is the least expensive part of the game.

The body of the olla for the woman is covered with tissue paper, then a crinkled paper dress skirt is fashioned of an ugly shade of red—that is, if you would have your woman look natural—then a bodice is built up draped to represent a loose white waist, and above this is placed a false face. The hair is made with black paper, braided into one long plait at the back, as the women wear their hair in Mexico. Over this a blue rebosa is draped, and sometimes a white tehuana headdress is made of the lace paper used by bakers and confectioners.

Some Christmas Decorations.

A flower pinata is decorated with large paper flowers in every color of the rainbow. Red, white and green ribbons, forming long streamers, and silver and gold tinsel, glass balls and colored lights all help to make the flower pinata very beautiful. The possibilities for dressing these pinatas are endless, and just here it appears to me that pinata parties might be introduced into Pittsburgh as a holiday novelty and become very popular.

In a large family the mother and daughters have their own pinata and great secrecy is maintained in the decoration of the olla. It is the aim of each to devise as original a dressing for the pinata as possible, and it can be made a very extravagant ornament. In the families of wealthy Mexicans the luxury of the pinatas often mounts into the thousands. In the family of the peon it rarely exceeds a peso (a Mexican dollar), oftentimes, but a real (a shilling), and yet who can say that the peon families are not as happy with their pinatas costing three or four reals as the millionaires with theirs running into the thousands?

After the olla is decorated to the taste it is filled. The filling consists of peanuts, hazel nuts, hard candies, like marbles and all kinds of Mexican dulces. These dulces are candied fruits, nut paste, etc.

Christmas night the pinatas are carried in great state into the sala and suspended from the ceiling one at a time. All the relatives of the family are present, and as cousins of the fifth and sixth degree are recognized and children are very numerous there is generally a large gathering. They all sit very demurely on chairs, ranged in a row around the walls of the room.

One person is constituted master of ceremonies, the eldest son or daughter of the house. He or she stands in the middle of the room. Nearby is a jar or umbrella stand filled with thin apisaco canes or sticks. When everything is ready a child or grown person is selected and called by name. She comes forward and is blindfolded.

Then the fun begins. The person blindfolded is turned round and round until she loses all knowledge of where the pinata hangs. A cane is put in her hands and she is told to hit the pinata and try to break it. She is given three chances. If she fails to hit it she sits down amid laughter and ridicule. If she hits it without breaking it she is entitled to a small prize.

And so it goes on, one after another being called up, blindfolded, given a cane and three chances to break the pinata. Finally, one more fortunate than the rest succeeds in giving a hard enough blow, and crash! the pinata falls to the ground in hundreds of bits and its contents are scattered far and wide.

Animate Scenes Follow Breaking.

A wild scramble ensues. Everybody rushes forward to gather as much of the spilled contents as possible. The youngsters tumble all over one another and the floor is in a pretty condition. As the floors of Mexican houses are of brick, except in the homes of the wealthy or the more modern residences in the new parts of the city, the crushed dulces, nuts and fruits are easily disposed of.

The fortunate breaker of the pinata gets a handsome prize and is awarded the seat of honor. He or she sits down and is debarred from another trial at breaking another pinata. As soon as the confusion dies down and order is somewhat restored another olla is hung up and the same routine gone through. So the fun continues until the last pinata is broken and then the prizes are awarded.

In families of means these prizes are often valuable pieces of jewelry. In the poorer families they are some little typical product of the country in pottery or feather work or basketry.

The pinata party is the great social and funmaking feature of the Christmas season. After the pinatas have been broken and a supper has been served there follows dancing, or a traveling company of Indians from the mountains is brought in to sing and dance in native costume.

These traveling Indians are somewhat like the singing bands which go around at Christmas time from house to house in England, Germany, France and Italy. They have been known and popular in Mexico of Aztec civilization and no one seems to know whence they came, nor why. They seem to be very popular and are much in demand during the Christmas holiday season.

The Pasada Not Commonly Seen.

The crib, which is a feature of Christmas ceremonies in the Catholic churches throughout the United States and is a familiar sight to Protestants, is also seen in Mexico, but attended with much ceremony and occupying the nine days before Christmas day.

At one time it was the universal ceremony in the church, and was one of great magnificence and beauty, but so many abuses crept in that finally the public function was forbidden by the government, and the pasada, as it is called, can be seen and heard only in the homes of pious Mexicans.

The pasada typifies the wanderings of Mary and Joseph previous to the birth of our Saviour, and their many pleas for shelter, with the attending refusals on the part of the impious.

Mexican houses are well adapted for this ceremony, as all the rooms open into a patio or square court and run along side by side in a straight line.

A padrina and madrina (synonymous with godfather and godmother) are selected, and they carry the holy child (a waxen image) wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying on a cushion. The family and immediate relatives, carrying lighted candles, follow two by two. The procession wends its way slowly along the open corridor, singing the hymn of the pasada, knocking at each door in turn, one side asking shelter, the other refusing.

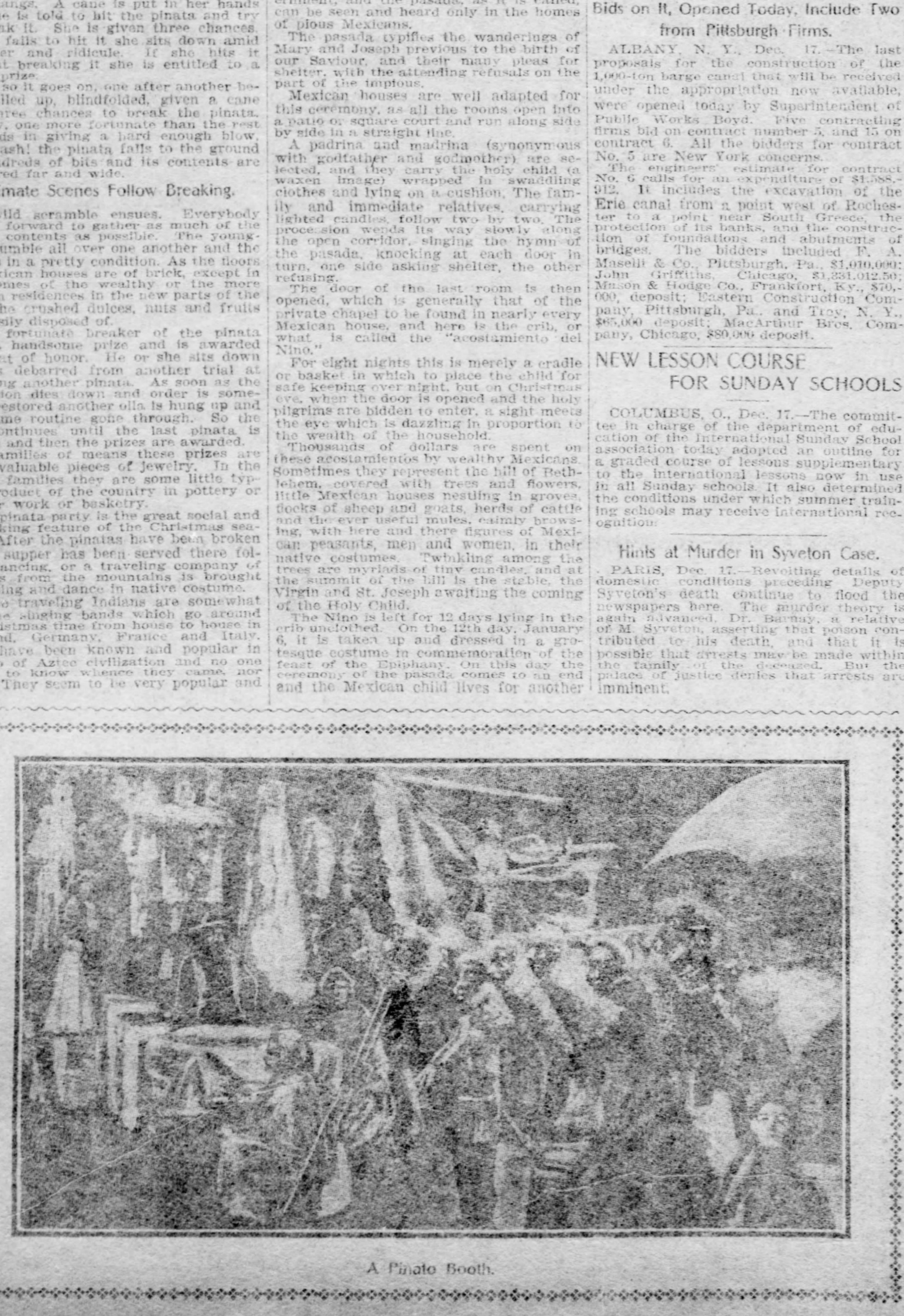
The door of the last room is then opened, which is generally that of the private chapel to be found in nearly every Mexican house, and here is the crib, or what is called the "acostamiento del Nino."

For eight nights this is merely a cradle or basket in which to place the child for safe keeping over night, but on Christmas eve, when the door is opened and the holy pilgrims are bidden to enter, a sight meets the eye which is dazzling in proportion to the wealth of the household.

Thousands of dollars are spent on these acostamientos by wealthy Mexicans. Sometimes they represent the hill of Bethlehem, covered with trees and flowers, little Mexican houses nestling in groves, flocks of sheep and goats, herds of cattle and the ever useful mules, calmly browsing, with here and there figures of Mexican peasants, men and women, in their native costumes. Twinkling among the trees are myriads of tiny candles, and at the summit of the hill is the stable, the Virgin and St. Joseph awaiting the coming of the Holy Child.

The Nino is left for 12 days lying in the crib unclothed. On the 12th day, January 6, it is taken up and dressed in a grotesque costume in commemoration of the feast of the Epiphany. On this day the ceremony of the pasada comes to an end and the Mexican child lives for another twelvemonth in anticipation of the next holiday season.

With us, our cold and snow and ice and crisp December weather makes the sturdy fir tree symbolical of the season. But under the cloudless blue of the Mexican winter sky the wild luxuriance of her tropical foliage, the wealth of her flowers, the warmth of her sun, the mauna loving nature of her inhabitants, it is a sacrilege to abolish the beautiful ceremony of the holy journey, or pasada, with its tropical accompaniments and the beauty and significance of its ritual.



A Pinata Booth.

CANDY-MAKING REQUIRES SKILL

No Hit-or-Miss Plan Possible to Obtain Goods of Uniform Quality.

FINE GRADES MADE BY HAND

Within the next few days several thousand tons of Christmas candy will be consumed in the United States. Through the medium of bonbons, buttercups, cream wafers and candy canes, [illegible] cheer will be carried to many [illegible] million American stockings will be made the receptacles of the products of the candy factory on next Saturday night. To make this sufficiency of candy requires the best workmanship of thousands of people—a large per cent of whom are endowed with especial adaptability to the occupation.

It is said that only one in every 15 persons can acquire the necessary skill to become successful in the art of candy making. Skill therefore enters very decidedly into the labors of the candy maker. The housewife who has undertaken to make the plainest kinds of candies knows something of the results to which the slightest errors may lead.

There are two kinds of candy factories—wholesale and retail. The wholesale factory makes candy upon an enormous scale and uses more or less machinery in accomplishing the work. The retail factories do the bulk of their work by hand and in so doing claim in many instances a superiority of goods on this account. All of the finer candies, however, in both wholesale and retail factories are made by hand, each bonbon, for example, being dipped separately into the chocolate which is to form its covering.

The story of a chocolate bonbon from the caldron to the shipping room is typical of the industry of making fine candies. The necessary amount of sugar for the desired amount of candy is placed in one of the large brass caldrons. To this is added a proportionate amount of cream. This mixture is cooked until it reaches a certain stage. To determine just when it has reached this stage is one of the fine points of the business. It is next turned out upon a cooling stone where it is thoroughly stirred and turned until it takes on the consistency of chocolate cream. After being cooled it is placed in another kettle and allowed to soften over a slow fire when it is ready for the adding of the flavors and subsequently for the molds.

Dropping Cream Wafers from the End of a Funnel.

On a table in front of the workman are eight shallow frame boxes filled with corn starch tightly packed and with a smooth surface. The desired forms into which the candies are to be made are indented in the cornstarch by means of plaster of paris casts, which are fastened at spaces of about an inch to a narrow strip of wood. There are at least 25 distinct patterns or forms into which chocolate creams are made.

The molds completed, the cream is run into them through a utensil fitted with several pronged openings each as far apart as the indentations in the cornstarch. The filling of the molds is done with great rapidity by the skilled workman. The creams remain in the molds over night and next morning are ready to go to the dippers. The entire contents of the shallow boxes, both cornstarch and creams, are dumped into a large sieve. By shaking the sieve the cornstarch is sifted through into another receptacle and the creams remain. This operation is possible in view of the fact that cornstarch will not adhere to the creams. Rubber molds are also used for many kinds of candy. French creams are usually run into rubber molds, many different forms appearing side by side in one square of rubber.

The various creams, ready for their coating, go to the dipping department, where girls dip the candies into the lukewarm chocolate, rolling and turning each cream over and over again until it is thoroughly covered. The chocolate comes to the candy factory in the form of large cakes and is made soft and sticky by heating. After the dippers have completed their work the chocolate creams are placed on papers to dry, the papers being oiled so that the candies will not stick to them. The chocolates must stand three or four weeks before they are ready for the market in which time they season and reach the desired stage of perfection.

In the making of chewing taffy and other taffies and the shells for buttercups, the mass which comes from the caldron is placed upon a marble slab and kneaded for several minutes. It is then swung over a steel hook upon the wall and is alternately pulled out and thrown back upon the hook by the operator, until the air cells are sufficiently eliminated and until the necessary stiffness has been obtained. While still pliable it can be worked over into many forms and cut into all sizes and shapes. In the making of buttercups and numerous other candies, the different colors are produced by taking a portion of the mass that is being kneaded and coloring it, and then in later winding it in strips about the plain portion. Thus, when both are pulled out together into long lengths and cut up into cubes or other forms, the two colors are accurately mixed. The candy canes are made much after this plan.

The coloring matter used in all good candies is perfectly harmless, being made usually from vegetables. For instance, the red coloring is from beets.

Of late much interest has been manifested by lady customers in cream wafers. Many housekeepers try to make cream wafers themselves and fail to understand why they do not have better success. One of the photographs shows a candy maker of long experience dropping these wafers from the end of a funnel. This will be a revelation to some, but the candy maker says that it is only part of the secret.

One of the large candy factories of this country has consumed in one day in the making of its product more than 60 barrels of sugar, 150 pounds of butter, 1,500 pounds of shelled peanuts and 3,000 cocoanuts. Other nuts used in candy production are filberts, pecans, walnuts and almonds. Besides vanilla, lemon, orange, wintergreen and mint, such other flavoring extracts as clove, sassafras, cinnamon, horehound herb, birch, rose and anise seed oil are used by the candy maker.

It is a pretty generally accepted fact nowadays, that candy is not unhealthy for either children or grown people, provided it is eaten at the proper time and in moderate quantities. Candy makers say that there is a greater demand for the better grades of candy today than ever before and that less cheap candy is made in proportion to the population than a few years ago.

Dipping Chocolate Creams.

LAST CANAL CONTRACT.

Bids on It, Opened Today, Include Two from Pittsburgh Firms.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The last proposals for the construction of the 1,000-ton barge canal that will be received under the appropriation now available, were opened today by Superintendent of Public Works Boyd. Five contracting firms bid on contract number 5, and 15 on contract 6. All the bidders for contract No. 5 are New York concerns.

The engineers' estimate for contract No. 6 calls for an expenditure of $1,588,-912. It includes the excavation of the Erie canal from a point west of Rochester to a point near South Greece, the protection of its banks, and the construction of foundations and abutments of bridges. The bidders included F. A. Maselli & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., $1,010,000; John Griffiths, Chicago, $1,231,012.50; Mason & Hodge Co., Frankfort, Ky., $70,-000, deposit; Eastern Construction Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Troy, N. Y., $65,000 deposit; MacArthur Bros. Company, Chicago, $80,000 deposit.

NEW LESSON COURSE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—The committee in charge of the department of education of the International Sunday School association today adopted an outline for a graded course of lessons supplementary to the international lessons now in use in all Sunday schools. It also determined the conditions under which summer training schools may receive international recognition.

Hints at Murder in Syveton Case.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Revolting details of domestic conditions preceding Deputy Syveton's death continue to flood the newspapers here. The murder theory is again advanced, Dr. Barnay, a relative of M. Syveton, asserting that poison contributed to his death, and that it is possible that arrests may be made within the family of the deceased. But the palace of justice denies that arrests are imminent.

CHRISTMAS PAY WILL BE LARGE

Activity in Many Local Industries Means Big Returns to Employes.

The Christmas pay in the Pittsburgh district will probably exceed any ever made by the railroad, manufacturing, mining and other large employing concerns of the district. It is impossible to secure accurate data on the subject, because the various companies do not believe it good policy to allow their payrolls to be made known, but the amount appears to total over $3,500,000. This includes in some cases a monthly pay and in others two weeks' wages. In a great many cases the industries of one kind or another, which would not pay ordinarily until December 30 or January 2, have announced their plans to have a pay day this week in order that the employes may have ready money for their Christmas purchases.

The present year stands out in sharp contrast to last year, when the Christmas pay was far below the average of the last few years. Then the whole outlook was more or less gloomy. Furnaces and mills were suspending operations, railroads were laying off crews and operating their shops as short-handed as possible. Men were in many industries far more plentiful than the demand.

This Christmas all is different. Instead of suspending, industries are resuming operations. The railroads are employing more men, the coal mines and coke ovens are without enough men to operate them and the hum of activity has been heard for several months growing louder and louder. It is no exaggeration to say that practically all of the labor of Allegheny county now finds ready employment.

That is the reason why the payrolls read large this year. They read larger for the same length of time than they did a month ago and far larger than two or three months ago. Moreover the new year which stands just beyond Christmas is full of industrial promise which helps to make the Christmas pay the more acceptable.

Approximations of some of the payrolls nearest to Christmas have been obtained from some of the more important concerns. Those in the Monongahela and Turtle Creek valleys, where so many of the larger plants are located are given with some detail. The following are considered fairly correct:

Homestead steel works, $325,000; Howard axle works, $20,000; Duquesne steel works, $150,000; Edgar Thomson steel works, furnace and foundry, Braddock, $210,000; Carrie furnaces, Rankin, $45,000; McClintic-Marshall Construction company, Rankin, $35,000; Ninth street wire works, Braddock, $90,000; Rankin wire works, $150,000; Pittsburgh Shafting company, Rankin, $15,000; Central Expanded Metal company, Rankin, $11,000; Columbia Bridge company, Rankin, $45,000; Union Switch & Signal company, Swissvale, $45,-000; Westinghouse industries, East Pittsburgh, $380,000; Westinghouse Air Brake company, Wilmerding, $85,000; Trafford Foundry, $35,000; Mesta Machine company, Homestead, $90,000; Harbison-Walker Refractories, West Homestead, $15,000; Kopp Glass company, Swissvale, $9,000; Sterling Steel company, Braddock, $7,500; McVey & Walker, Braddock, $10,000; Demmler works, American Sheet & Tin Plate company, $16,000; all departments, National Tube company, McKeesport, $350,000; Clairton steel works, $60,000; American Window Glass company, Monongahela, $11,000; Pittsburgh Coal company, valley mines, $250,000.

Insane Over Child's Death.

NEW CASTLE, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—His mind affected by grief over the death of his 4-year-old boy who was burned to death three weeks ago, Alfred Graham, of Hazel Dell, was today removed to a sanitarium in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Graham is also suffering terribly from the shock.

FILLED STREETS TO A STANDSTILL

Christmas Shoppers Turn Out to Do Their Duty by the Well-Filled Stores.

FATHER'S GROAN UNNOTICED

Christmas shoppers filled the streets to a standstill yesterday afternoon and last evening. Walking was all but impossible; haste was impossible—but what cared they? The past week's snow melted in the moderating temperature and yesterday's fall made the old so much the more sloppy—they never noticed it.

Extra forces of salespeople filled the spaces behind the counters in stores big and little. They were kept on the run to meet the demand for the goods displayed, and, hardworked as they were, with two people as a minimum of the number calling for their services at the same time, they caught something of the contagion of the Christmas fever and were the less worried by the overwork.

All week the shop windows have been growing more and more into the Christmas appearance. Green and red and gold, tinsel, holly, evergreens of all kinds, have been taking the places of the more prosaic decorations. Where woolens, dress goods, household articles were once displayed, now can be seen the sled, the tin horn, the colored book, the drum, the dolls, the candies. It is up to the buyers and the buyers started in yesterday to do their duty by their friends and relatives.

There is only one groan in the multitude. The father of the groan is the father of the household and he does not seem to enjoy so much the appearance of things in general at present as do some other members of the family. He has gone through the same experience in former years, however, and has recovered—financially. He appreciates the whole thing more than he says, and his groans are intended to put a limit to the dealings rather than to discourage the principle.

One of the features of yesterday's street scene was the large number of children downtown. There being no school and the shops having taken on the Christmas glow, parents had evidently allowed the youngsters to take a look at the pretty things to be seen. Rich and poor they were there and gazed to their satisfaction.

Out between the sidewalks drove a steady line of delivery wagons, packed in a way that would mean 500 per cent dividends if such a business could be done all the year around by their owners. They were jammed almost as much as people on the sidewalks, but the season brings with it a good humor that extends even to drivers.

Down at the market and in Liberty street Christmas trees are selling. One can buy them at from 25 cents to $10. Dealers are inclined to believe from what they saw yesterday that the Christmas season will be celebrated in great style in Allegheny county this year. They see the reflections from the big payrolls.

ALDERMAN IS HOISTED BY HIS OWN PETARD

Charge of Bribery Made Against His Colleagues Recoils on His Own Head—Gets Vote of Censure.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—At a special meeting of the city council today a resolution of censure against Alderman Hubert Butler was adopted by a vote of 55 to 5, as the culmination of bribery charges made by him in the council. The resolution declares Butler guilty of bribery, and of malicious statement in attacking the integrity of his colleague.

Butler's offense was a statement reflecting on aldermen who had voted for the passage of the annexation of the Northwestern Elevated railway. The reflections against his colleagues were subsequently withdrawn by Butler, who, however, adhered to the charge that bribery had been attempted in his own case. The accusation is being investigated by the grand jury.

NIXON'S TORPEDO BOATS READY FOR RUSSIA

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Dec. 17.—The torpedo boat Gregory, built for the Russian government by Lewis Nixon, was given a trial trip today. Nine other boats similar to the Gregory, which were built by Mr. Nixon for Russia, have been taken apart and are now awaiting shipment here.

BLACK'S CANDIDACY FOR SENATE IS ANNOUNCED

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The candidacy of former Gov. Frank S. Black for the United States senatorship in place of Chauncey M. Depew is announced today by the Troy Times, which is regarded as peculiarly close to Mr. Black.

New Castle Controller Cleared.

NEW CASTLE, Dec. 17.—City Controller John McCandless was last night practically acquitted by the finance committee after an investigation of the charges made by Select Councilman Jesse J. Dean that the controller had wrongfully approved warrants for the payment of sewers, constructed without authority of councils. Controller McCandless showed that he had not approved the bills, which are yet unpaid.

Robbers Wreck Office Vault.

SHARON, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—For the fourth time within as many months the office of the Mercer Coal & Iron Company at Stoneboro was entered by burglars this morning, and the new brick safety vault recently installed was shattered by a heavy charge of nitroglycerin. The burglars obtained no money, but took papers valuable only to the company.

Vessel a Total Loss.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, Dec. 17.—The wrecking steamer Premier has returned here from Roncador Reef and reports the British steamer Buckingham, which struck on Roncador reef December 15, is a total loss. The Buckingham was bound from Baltimore to Bocas Del Toro, Panama, with a cargo intended for the United Fruit Company.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

Few People Know How Useful It Is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

NEWSPAPERS BRIGHTENING THE LIVES OF THE POOR

Sponsoring Schemes to Make the Christmas Season a Jolly Period for London's Needy.

[Special Cable to The Gazette.]
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LONDON, Dec. 17.—Several newspapers have sponsored schemes designed to brighten the lot of the poor at Christmas time.

The most remarkable of these schemes are those which deal with children. The Standard, under the management of Mr. C. Arthur Pearson, initiated a "Christmas guest guild," by means of which poor children in London will be taken into the homes of well-to-do people for the festive season. The duke and duchess of Marlborough are among those who are supporting the Standard's plan.

Sir Alfred Harmsworth's Evening News is providing 500,000 pairs of shoes for poor children in the metropolis, and the Daily Mail is working to ensure that thousands of poor children, not in London merely, but throughout the country, will receive well-filled stockings from Santa Claus on Christmas eve.

GOES INSANE ON STAGE.

Actor Behaves Strangely and Is Hissed by Manager—Sent to an Asylum.

HAMBURG, Dec. 17.—Leo Forst, who had been playing a leading role here in the first production of Oscar Wilde's "Duchess of Padua," went mad on the stage of the Hamburg theater last night. During the second act the audience noticed he was behaving and speaking strangely. There was some applause at the fall of the curtain and Forst ran before the curtain bowing.

The manager of the theater, Baron Von Berger, who was sitting in a proscenium box, hissed and Forst seemed struck with horror and had to be assisted from the stage. He was found to be demented and was sent to an asylum.

KEEPING THE SANCTUARY FREE FROM EVILDOERS

Ella Radford of First avenue was committed to jail by Alderman Toole yesterday on a charge of keeping a disorderly house made by Constable Thomas A. Joyce. The woman, it is alleged, opened a resort a few days ago within a short distance of St. Mary's of Mercy Catholic church. The alderman and his constable have always kept the district in the vicinity of the church free of disorderly houses and have prosecuted any woman who opened a house within a certain distance of the church.

WHO IS THERE AMONG THE READERS OF THIS PAPER THAT WOULD NOT SPEND A 2-CENT STAMP TO KNOW OF A certain, speedy cure for catarrh and deafness? We take it that there are none—especially those who want to be cured. If you'll send a 2-cent stamp to Pretzinger Bros., Chemists, Dayton, O., they will forward you a free sample of Pretzinger's Catarrh Balm. Experience demonstrates that this is the only remedy that positively cures every form of catarrh and catarrhal deafness. The first application gives relief. It is curing hundreds—read what grateful people say about this remedy.

"Thank God that you have found a remedy which cures catarrh, for I have suffered terribly."
E. Wolford, Chase City, Va.

"Since using your remedy I have lost all traces of this loathsome disease."
E. L. Allen, Waterville, Maine.

"Your Balm has cured my catarrh and restored my hearing, although I was quite deaf for 15 years."
Harry Wilson,
1255 Superior street, Cleveland, O.

Sworn to by Charles H. Kidd, notary public.

"I never found anything which afforded such ready relief and did me so much good as your Balm."
H. Grub, 265 W. 129th St., New York.

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In consideration of the most liberal patronage extended us during the past year by our many customers, we will give, from now until Christmas,

$15 WORTH OF TRADING STAMPS (ANY KIND) FREE

with every purchase of $2.50 or over, making what is undoubtedly the greatest Free Stamp offer ever presented in these cities.

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6,000 PAIRS OF THE FAMOUS $3.50 THOMAS WHITE & CO. LADIES' SHOES FOR $1.98

All leathers are represented, including Patent Colt, Box Calf, Vici Kid, Wax Calf, etc. Heavy or light soles; lace or button or blucher styles.

4,000 PAIRS OF THE CELEBRATED J. E. TILT $3.50 MEN'S SHOES AT $1.98

Men's $1.50 Romeo Slippers, at....98c
Ladies' Fur Trimmed Juliets and Crocheted Slippers, worth $1.00, at....69c
Boys' first quality Gum Boots at....98c
Men's $1.98 Faust Slippers....98c
Children's Leggins....25c

We want to make the next six days the banner week of our career, and the greatest shoe values and most liberal Free Stamp offer ever made in these cities ought to bring us the necessary business.

GRISWOLD Shoe Parlor,
217 Smithfield St., Cor. Third Ave.
Open Every Night This Week Till 10.

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Jewelers and Silversmiths.

The Leather Goods

Which we carry—and by the way, a more practical and sensible gift cannot be thought of—are the very best the market produces. We show every convenience for the pocket, for the desk and for traveling, and mounted in gold and silver. The variety is extremely large and the line a most interesting one.

443 Market Street,
COR. FIFTH AVENUE.

HARD FIGHT FOR LOCAL OPTION LAW

Anti-Saloon League Will Call on Every Legislator in Interest of Its Bill.

HARDENBERGH TOLD TO QUIT

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU.
HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 17.

Every member of the next legislature will be visited by representatives of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon league before he comes to Harrisburg in January to take his seat and asked to support the general local option bill for this state which the league will offer at the coming session.

Personal letters were mailed to every senator and representative today from the headquarters of the league in this city by State Superintendent Nicholson, calling attention to the movement for general local option and the great benefits to be derived from the enactment of such a law.

The letter states that the proposed law would take the liquor question out of the hands of the legislature and more largely out of the hands of the courts and put it directly within the jurisdiction of the people of each community who are most harmed or most benefited by the traffic, and that it would also put the saloon at the mercy of the people and not at the mercy of the saloon, as at present.

The league will follow up these letters with a personal visit by an accredited member of the organization to every legislator to explain its aims and purposes; its plan of campaign in Pennsylvania and other states of the union, and inviting him to vote for such legislation as it may offer in the next session.

Don't Want a Brannock Law.

Superintendent Nicholson says that it is not the purpose of the league to secure the enactment of a general local option statute similar to the Brannock act in operation in Ohio, to which attention has been called in a circular letter issued by the State Retail Liquor league of Pennsylvania to every liquor dealer in the state asking him to co-operate with the league for the defeat of local option.

"The Brannock law is a most remarkable, illogical and outrageous enactment," the letter states. "The experience of the Ohio people should teach the trade in this state that it is not safe, under like circumstances, to remain idle and indifferent until the evil comes upon them in all force. It is hardly necessary to remind you that local option is prohibition in disguise. It is prohibition within the region wherein it is adopted.

"You are urged to begin at once every effort you can command to secure the sympathy and co-operation of the legislators from your portion of the state in opposition to this movement. Lay the facts before them as clearly and as influentially as possible and enlist them in the cause of sound morality, good government and the prosperity of the state. Such effort should be made very quietly, because publicity may assist instead of counteract the efforts of the Prohibitionists."

This letter is marked "confidential" and is signed by P. H. Nolan, national representative, and Theodore Huckestein, secretary of the liquor league, which will maintain a strong lobby in Harrisburg during the legislature for the defeat of the local option bill and such other temperance legislation as may be offered.

Hardenbergh Told to Hold Back.

Unless the Republican state leaders change their plans ex-Auditor General Hardenbergh of Honesdale will not be the nominee of next year's convention for state treasurer. Senator Penrose recently told Hardenbergh that under existing political conditions the organization cannot see its way clear to nominate him and that it is useless for him to remain a candidate.

Hardenbergh believes, however, that there is still a chance for him and until the organization makes its choice for treasurer he will remain in the field. He knows that it would be useless for him to attempt to secure the nomination with the organization against him and the party leaders insist he will not press his candidacy.

His plan is to open headquarters here on January 1 and continue his campaign throughout the session. If he can secure the pledges of a majority of the Republicans then he believes Senator Penrose will change his mind and favor his nomination. Hardenbergh is popular with the leaders and workers and if he does not become state treasurer it is thought he will be recommended for a federal position.

Cambria county's Republican organization will recommend Emmanuel James of Johnstown, for an appointment in the house of representatives at the next session. James has been formally indorsed by Representatives James and Hohmann and all the party managers and many of the workers.

Veteran Court Crier to Remain.

Whatever changes may be made in the Indiana county court when Judge-elect Telford takes office on January 1 they will not affect P. S. Youngblood, the veteran court crier. Mr. Youngblood has held this position for 30 years and some of his friends had an idea he would not be retained by the judge-elect because of his personal relations with Judge White. Mr. Telford has assured the friends of the court crier not to give themselves any concern for he never thought of giving his place to anybody else.

J. L. Smith of Glen Campbell, an uncle of Representative Smith, is an applicant for the place in the house of representatives in the next session to which Indiana county is entitled. There are several other applicants for that county and unless Mr. Smith can secure the support of Representative Cooper he will not be appointed. None of these appointments will be made before the middle of January and for the present Mr. Smith is the only applicant who is pushing his claims.

Realizing that the only possible chance for the election of their city ticket at the February election is by presenting a united front a large portion of the Democrats of Harrisburg have decided to temporarily bury their past differences and unite on a ticket that represents the two factions which have for years been fighting each other.

A deal has been arranged between the Fritchey and anti-Fritchey factions by which ex-Mayor John A. Fritchey is to have the nomination for mayor without a contest; Mercer B. Tate, a popular young Democrat, is to be stood aside for city treasurer, after having been promised the nomination, and this place given to Owen M. Copelin, an anti-Fritcheyite. To add strength to their ticket the Democrats will make no nomination for city controller against Henry W. Gough, who will be renominated by the Republicans.

This deal does not include Mayor McCormick, who still says that if the Republicans nominate a strong ticket it will have his support and that of his newspaper, the Patriot, the leading Democratic newspaper in Central Pennsylvania. Charles P. Walter continues to be the choice of many of the leaders and workers for the Republican nomination and his friends seem to think there is no doubt of his selection.

IN WATER FIVE MONTHS.

Note in a Bottle Dropped in the Bay of Fundy Brings an Answer.

While on a trip through the northeast last August, Albert Hollander of Allegheny and George Gusky of Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, dropped a note from their boat into the Bay of Fundy, about midway between Eastport, Maine, and New Brunswick. The bottle containing the note was washed ashore on December 4, and Mr. Hollander several days ago received a letter from Walter R. Morris of Harborville, Kings county, Nova Scotia.

In their note the two travellers gave their addresses and offered $10 to the person who would find the note and communicate with them. Never expecting to get an answer, they were surprised to be reminded of their trip across the Bay of Fundy. Their correspondent informed them that the bottle had been washed ashore on the beach near his boathouse and that just to let them know it had come safely through hundreds of miles of waves he communicated with them. Mr. Hollander, who is one of the firm of Hollander & Sons, sent a crisp new $10 bill to the man in Nova Scotia.

TENTH REGIMENT AT THE BATTLE OF CALOOCAN

Pennsylvania's Volunteer Soldiers Fighting the Filipinos, as Painted by Artist G. W. Peters.

(See article page 6, Fourth Section.)

OHIO CAMPAIGN UNDER HEADWAY

Herrick Must Reckon on Foraker and the Anti-Saloon League.

THE LEADERSHIP IS AT STAKE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

COLUMBUS, Dec. 17.—The announcement that Senator Foraker will return to Cincinnati Monday and that he will visit various sections of Ohio in the two weeks following indicates that he has by no means abandoned his political fences to their fate. If further evidence were needed that he intends to make the attempt to re-establish himself as undisputed leader of his party in his own state, it is found in every county where the old Foraker guard is strong. Every effort is being made by the senior senator's friends to gain control of the county organizations, with a view of dictating the selection of delegates to the Republican state convention of next spring, when Gov. Herrick either will or will not be nominated to succeed himself.

The Anti-Saloon league leaders are keeping up a terrific fight against the governor, and from their headquarters in this city are issued daily bulletins urging that he be retired to private life because of his alleged sympathy with the liquor traffic. The vigorous campaign undoubtedly is having some effect and each week witnesses the adoption of resolutions condeming Gov. Herrick by some church society or ministers' association. The governor's friends think his attitude on the local option question is being misrepresented, but that they feel alarmed over the situation is shown by the fact that a literary bureau has been established in this city to prepare statements, for use in the press and for general distribution in reply to all charges made by authority of the Anti-Saloon league.

Herrick Will Not Surrender.

The campaign of 1905 is already under full headway in Ohio. Senator Foraker is frankly opposed to a second term for Gov. Herrick and his chief ally now is his one-time foe, the organized temperance forces. Only a day or two ago the Anti-Saloon league issued a bulletin apologizing to the senior senator for its criticism of him in past campaigns and explaining that these attacks were prompted by misunderstandings. The Foraker men and the Anti-Saloon league, which is a powerful political organization in Ohio, are working hand-in-hand.

But it seems impossible, or at least most highly improbable, that Gov. Herrick, who has said repeatedly that he will not quit the fight, can be defeated for renomination. He has behind him the great organization which the late Senator Hanna built and perfected. Senator Dick in spite of the continued, earnest and public importunings of his clerical friends, stands with the governor. George B. Cox has said that Gov. Herrick must have a second term and is watchfully resisting Senator Foraker's efforts to place his men on guard in Cincinnati.

Harry M. Daugherty is out for Herrick, and the Foraker men, who, by the way, have been attempting again this week to induce Lieut.-Gov. Harding to change his mind and become a candidate, cannot find any available man who will say that he will accept the nomination. All the leaders are for Herrick, with the single exception of Foraker, and it does not seem probable that the extreme temperance element is numerically strong enough to cause any very serious break in the rank and file. However, the governor and his lieutenants are proceeding cautiously. They are taking no chances and they expect his renomination when the time comes, by acclamation. They profess to believe that Senator Foraker is making his fight merely as a preliminary skirmish for his future campaign for the presidency and say that, before the convention meets, he will attempt to secure promises of support in 1908 by his withdrawing all opposition to Herrick and perhaps placing him in nomination.

Designs on the Senatorship.

Unless the present leadership is entirely overthrown, it seems unlikely now that Senator Foraker will ever receive his state's indorsement for the presidency or that he will be chosen to succeed himself in the senate. The feeling of the dominant faction is becoming more and more bitter against him, and it is well understood that the present governor has designs on the senatorship. If he is reelected by a large plurality, his prestige will be wonderfully increased.

With a plurality of 255,000 for Roosevelt and Fairbanks staring them in the face, the Democrats of Ohio are still able to sit up and notice things. Talk of "getting together," "burying the hatchet," etc., has been heard on all sides this week, and the badly disorganized party may make a real fight next year. Mayor Johnson insists that he will ask a third term as mayor of Cleveland and that under no circumstances will he run for the governorship. While the old-line Democratic leaders do not trust the wily Tom in politics, they incline to the belief that he may not be willing to accept a second candidacy on the state ticket, foredoomed as he knows he would doubtless be to crushing defeat. Hence there is a quiet boom for the nomination of John M. Pattison of Cincinnati, president of the Union Central Life Insurance Company and an earnest advocate of temperance. Pattison might accept some of the planks of a Johnson platform with a mental reservation, but his backers say he can be induced to make the race.

The fact that Johnson seems sure to control the convention disposes of the possibility that Col. James Kilbourne of this city, who was defeated by the late Gov. Nash in 1901, might be named. Johnson dislikes Kilbourne, and might think it a clever move to nominate Pattison, at a time when his probable opponent is being advertised widely as the arch enemy of temperance.

ELECTED DELEGATE.

Francis T. Porter Will Represent Local Bricklayers at the Convention in San Francisco.

The local bricklayers' union elected Francis T. Porter delegate to the annual convention to be held in San Francisco, commencing January 15. He will leave the coming week and spend some time touring the western states sightseeing.

The election was a spirited one, four candidates running. Porter won by a large majority. The election took place at a special meeting held for that purpose. A few weeks ago the local decided they would not send a delegate to the convention on account of the great expense attached to such a trip, but it turned out later the local bricklayers want some constitutional revisions, and a delegate should be sent to assist in pushing through the legislation.

Mr. Porter has served four terms as president of the local organization and the coming convention will make the fourth one he has attended as delegate.

FRANCIS T. PORTER,
Elected Delegate to Bricklayers' Convention.

TOWSER STANDS GUARD WHILE DRIVER DOES WORK

Dogs to Watch the Delivery Wagon's Contents Being Used Much More Frequently and With Success.

Now that delivery wagons, carrying the results of much Christmas shopping, are beginning to crowd the streets, the use of an old means to protect the contents of these wagons is becoming more and more frequent. This plan is the simple one of taking "Towser" along.

By the use of a dog who has been properly trained and will not desert his post to participate in a discussion between his friends in a nearby alley, a wagonful of small packages is as well guarded as if the driver were with it. The driver can leave the wagon while he delivers packages inside a building and feel perfectly secure that no long-fingered gentleman or mischievous boy will abstract from the vehicle the valuables entrusted to him.

One of the stores which make use of dogs for this purpose is that of a leading liquor dealer. Just why the wares he carries to consumers should attract the attention of thirsty gentlemen will be easily understood. Even an assistant on the wagon might acquire a thirst and satisfy it at the store's expense, but "Towser" is on the water wagon and no one will fall off the water wagon by the use of the goods which "Towser" guards.

Far more delivery wagons have dogs now than was the case only a short time ago. It is found that it is far cheaper to secure and keep a dog than to find a trustworthy second man and to pay the wages that trustworthiness demands.

Swent Still Remains Unconscious.

Bernard Swent of 150 Mulberry alley is still lying unconscious as the result of a fall down a flight of stairs at his home Wednesday night, which caused concussion. Albert Campbell of 2558 Penn avenue is being detained in the Penn avenue police station to await the result of Swent's injuries. The men are said to have been drinking together.

TAX REFORM TO HAVE ATTENTION

West Virginia Legislature Will Take It Up Early in the Season.

MUCH WORK IS TO BE DONE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 17.—Three more weeks and the legislature of West Virginia will get down to business. It will be the busiest session in the state's history and many bills of importance will be introduced. The chief one will be that to establish the system of tax reform which was voted at the late election. There are existing laws covering this special subject, but as yet they have never been put into operation, and it is deemed advisable by some of the ablest legislators to take up the work done by the special session of the legislature last summer and go over it carefully and make whatever revision may be necessary before giving it an actual trial. This will be done so that no mistake will be made in its operation, as it is a Republican measure, and that party will be held responsible for its action, no matter whether it be good or bad.

In a talk with several of the law-makers elected this fall it was learned that but few changes would be made in the bills as a whole, but the main thing necessary to be done was the instructions to be given to the new tax commissioner, as well as his 55 assistants, who will begin their duties as soon as possible after the legislature gives proper instructions.

Among the things to be done will be fixing the salaries of the assistant tax commissioners for relevying the real estate in the several counties.

Tax Commissioner Dillion has named all but seven of his assistants, and these will be named the first of next week. It is possible that a meeting of these will be called at Charleston, so that the ground may be gone over thoroughly with their chief, and at the same time put them through a schooling for their duties. The Hon. S. T. Stepleton has been appointed for this, Wood county, and it is the general opinion that a better selection could not have been made.

Clerk of the House.

Candidates are bobbing up in all directions for the position of clerk of the house of representatives, and as this is the most important position to be given out, it is already attracting much attention. Parkersburg has a candidate in the person of the Hon. Frank F. Moats, and the mention of his name in this connection has almost caused a stampede to his quarters. Mr. Moats was the speaker of the last house two years ago, and also served in the same capacity during the extra session last summer, when the new tax bills were framed, and he therefore knows everything concerning them and their workings. The press of the state is practically unanimous in supporting his candidacy.

At the session of the legislature two years ago a law was passed which carried compulsory education with it into all the counties and cities of the state, with the exception of Wheeling. Just how Wheeling escaped is more than the public is able to understand, and a look at the law seems to convince one that that city was also included. But they say not, and hence it has not been enforced, and the citizens of that place will petition the legislature to enact a measure which will apply to Wheeling. Compulsory education has been tried in this city during the past year and it has worked wonders. At present there are not a half dozen school children between the ages required by the law, 6 to 14 years, who are not in school. No excuse will be taken by the truant officer from the parents or guardians of children who ought to be in school, and the penalty is very severe.

As a matter of fact it is a serious obstacle to the employers of child labor, and it is found that this is the class who are seriously opposing the measure, and in this respect it would affect Wheeling more than any other place.

The District Attorneyship.

Judge Reese Blizzard likely will be appointed as the district attorney for the Northern district of West Virginia. The people are for his reappointment to a man.

The Hon. Charles D. Elliott, United States marshal for the Northern district of the state, is another who likely will be reappointed by the president. He did as much, if not more, for the Republican party during the last campaign than any man in the state. He gave his entire time to it, and was the treasurer of the state committee. Besides this, he is the owner of the Parkersburg News of this city, and it supported the ticket in a way that made thousands of votes.

For the Parkersburg postoffice it seems certain that the Hon. Benjamin Stewart will be called. Mr. Stewart was the chairman of the country committee and did much toward making the victory what it was. He will have much opposition, however, by the Hon. G. B. Gibbens, the present incumbent; the Hon. Edward McCreary, the Hon. Frank S. Smith and some others.

All the new country officers elected at the late election have qualified and given the necessary bond, and are now in readiness to take their places on the first day of the new year. For the first time in the history of the county we will have two Republican judges—criminal and circuit—both young and able men. Strange as it may seem both the men elected to the judgeship have been partners for the past four years as prosecutor and assistant, Judge Hunter H. Moss serving in the former capacity and Judge Showalter in the latter. Judge Showalter is a native of Pennsylvania and has been a resident of Parkersburg for nine years.

HOOSIER SCIENTISTS WILL VIEW ECLIPSE IN SPAIN

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 17.—An expedition in charge of the astronomers of Indiana university will be sent to Spain to observe the total solar eclipse which will occur next August 30. It will be in charge of John A. Miller, professor of mechanics and astronomy of Indiana university, and W. A. Cogshall, assistant professor of astronomy, also of the state university.

WILL DETAIL GEN. MILES FOR GOV. DOUGLAS' STAFF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Gov.-elect Douglas of Massachusetts recently wrote Secretary of War Taft asking him if he would detail Lieut.-Gen. Miles, retired, for his (the governor's) staff, if he should make the request after his inauguration. Secretary Taft replied to Mr. Douglas today that by direction of the president he will make the detail when requested to do so.

HOLIDAY PIANOS

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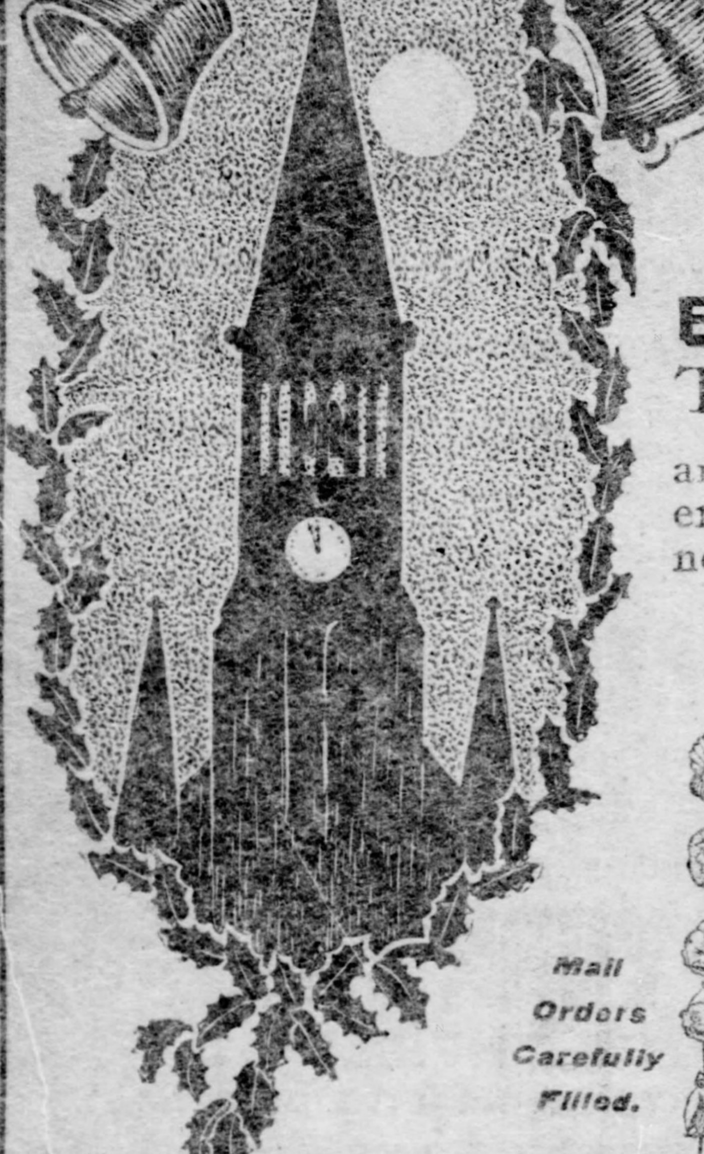


EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK STORE OPEN UNTIL 9:30 O'CLOCK

THE final week of Xmas trade starts tomorrow—high-tide in buying will be reached during the next few days and our earnest suggestion is that you do not put off your shopping until the last moment. Bring your Xmas ideas and wants here—they can be filled from our ample stocks to your utmost satisfaction. The advantages of purchasing here are manifold—our up-to-date establishment is directing its entire endeavors towards serving you best. Discriminating shoppers appreciate the worthiness of our merchandise—and know that they need not be ashamed of any gift that has been bought at Solomon's.

Mail Orders Carefully Filled.

Xmas Jewelry Offerings Which Present Amazing Values

Opera Glasses. The celebrated Lamier opera glasses, pearl mountings. $7.50 value, at......$5

Stick Pins, sterling silver or solid gold, in the newest designs. From $5 down to pretty pins at..... 49c

Military Sets, ebony, with sterling silver mountings. Four-piece sets, as illustrated; special inducements at $4.75

Other styles from $2 to $10

Pretty Brooches of all kinds, plain gold designs or with stone settings. Some with white brilliants. Should bring every cent of $1, very special at.....49c

Women's Rings, in all the latest styles. Solid gold. $15 down to. $1.98

Children's Rings, priced from $5 down to..... 75c

Knives and Forks, Rogers Bros.' make; quadruple plated silver, 6 knives and 6 forks—all for................$2.49

Sterling Silver Souvenir Spoons, prettily engraved; special at, each, $1.00

Pretty Tea Sets, quadruple plated silver, consisting of 4 pieces—tea pot, cream pitcher, sugar bowl and spoon holder, latest Butler finish. $15 values.....$9.98

Others at various prices.

Sterling Silver Toilet Sets—comb, brush and mirror. Other stores would easily get $9, our price is.............$5.98

Others from $1.49 to $15.

Plain and Fancy Jeweled Combs, in a splendid assortment from $10 down to............ 49c

Women's Watches. Gold filled and solid gold watches, with the best movements. An unequaled showing priced from $50 down to....... $5

Men's Gold Watches $5 and up.

Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Etc.

Women's Neckwear at 49c, in all the newest and latest designs, including Venise lace stocks, with chiffon Jabot and ruching at top; neckpieces of chiffon, with chiffon Jabots; taffeta silk stocks, decorated with steel and gold beads, in fancy boxes.

Fine Swiss Handkerchiefs, with embroidered and scalloped edges. Also lace trimmed. All the newest styles and not to be equaled in the city for less than 50c, here, each... 25c

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with embroidered and scalloped edges. Also lace trimmed. All the newest styles and not to be equaled in the city for less than 50c, here, each... 25c

Hand-Embroidered Handkerchiefs of very fine pure linen. Put in pretty box, tied with silk ribbon. Special, each.............. 98c

Lace Handkerchiefs, made of finest French Val. lace. Beautiful goods at the attractive price of, each..................... $1.75

Fancy Boxes Free with Handkerchiefs.

Fine Pique Kid Gloves, in a full line of colors. 1-clasp style. Attractively priced, in gift box, at, per pair............ $1.00

Note These Perfume Prices

Every woman loves good perfumery—here are the finest imported extracts at less than ever sold before—in dainty Xmas boxes.

Violet (Vee-O-lay's) Extracts, the celebrated French perfumer's genuine products.

Bouquet Farnese, $3.00 bottle.
Ambre Royal at $1.35 a bottle.
Extra Violette, $1.35 bottle.
Violettes of de Parme, $1.25.
Royal Lily at 75c per bottle.

Haubagant's Ideal Perfumes, the most delightful odors made.

Ideal Extract at $3.60 bottle.
Ideal Toilet Water, $3.50 bottle.
Ideal Sachet Powder, $3.00 bottle.
Ideal Soap at $2.00 per cake.
Ideal Violette Extract, $2.00.
Coeur de Jeanette, $3.00 bottle.

Roger & Gallet's Perfumes, probably the best known perfumes on the market.

Violette de Parme at 85c bottle.
Vera Violette at $1.10 bottle.
Bouquet des Amours, $1.00 bottle.
Fleurs de Amour at $4.00 bottle.
Reve Fleur at $4.00 bottle.

Pinaud's Perfumes, very attractive, priced as follows—

Roman Violet at $1.00 bottle.
Bouquet de la Foscarina, $1.65.
Bouquet de la Foscarina, $3.25.
Brise Embaume Violette at $2.00.
Brise Embaume Violette at $4.00.

Furs—A Notable Xmas Sale

Underprice Purchase of Prime Skins From a Leading Dealer

Just in the nick of time to be of benefit to Xmas buyers—one of the most fortunate deals we have ever put through—securing for us a very carefully selected stock of high grade furs at practically our own price. There is nothing richer or more acceptable for milady's Christmas—and these prices will save you one-fourth to one-third.

Fur Scarfs made of Australian opossum, musk, mink and imitation blue lynx, in light and dark shades. Tie, boa or scarf shapes. Trimmed with tails. Sale Prices $3.95, $2.95 and.......................$1.95

Fur Scarfs, also ties, collars and boas. Light and dark furs, in blended or natural state, trimmed with chenille and clasps. Also Isabella and sable foxes, with large brushes. Dozens of styles to choose from, $8 values at Sale Price of............... $5.00

Fur Scarfs, also boas. Made of foxes, in light or dark shades and martens, lined with squirrel or satin. Long or medium lengths. Trimmed with natural tails and claws. $12 neckpieces at the Sale Price of $7.95

Fur Boas of foxes, in single or double lengths. Light or dark shades. Finished with long brushes. Also squirrel neckpieces, trimmed with chenille. Lined with squirrel. $15 scarfs at the Sale Price of $10

Fur Scarfs, made of blended squirrels, clasps and chenille trimming. Broad ends. Also natural minks, double scarfs of medium lengths. Satin lined. Trimmed with chenille. $18 pieces at...... $12

Girls' Fur Sets. The largest variety in the two cities at the lowest possible prices. Angora, lamb, nutria, mink and moufflons, with flat muffs and round or flat scarfs. A saving on each set assured. Sale Prices $4.95, $3.95, $2.95, $2.50, $1.95 and............ 98c

Misses' Fur Sets, made of krimmer, beaver, squirrel, fox, mink, moufflon and lamb. Large collar, ties or scarfs and flat shaped muffs. Sale Prices $15, $12, $10, $7.95, $6.95 and $5.00

Squirrel Muffs, in flat shapes. Made of natural squirrels, lined with grey satin. Softly bedded. $10 values at Sale Price of $6.95

Squirrel Muffs of blended squirrels, in flat blocks. Softly bedded and lined with satin. Extra large size. $18 muffs at Sale Price of $12

Fox Muffs. A very attractive display of fine Isabella or sable foxes, in large flat blocks. Softly bedded and lined with satin or squirrel. Should bring $22. Sale Price of $15

Chinchilla Muffs, with three or four stripes. Large flat blocks, lined with satin. Exceptional offering of these $35 and $40 values at the Sale Price of $25 and $20

Fine Scarfs of minks, in natural or blended state, squirrels and martens, in the newest effects. Also foxes, in single or double lengths. Pretty neckwear at a saving of $10. Sale Price....... $20

Fine Scarfs, made of blended or natural minks, in tie or double lengths. Also baum marten and blended squirrels, in collar effects; light or dark foxes; long lengths. $30 and $35 values, Sale Price...... $25

Fine Sealskin Coats. Made of genuine selected sealskins, in 24-inch lengths. Guaranteed London dye. Finished with large storm collar. The very newest models of the season in these fine coats, which would certainly make very acceptable presents for the Holidays. A saving of $75 on each garment is assured. See our showing at the attractive Sale Prices of $200 and $150

Inducements on Umbrellas

These values prove that this is the place to buy your Holiday Umbrellas—Make your selection early at this money-saving sale.

Women's and Men's Umbrellas, with good coverings and Paragon frames. Choice of silver or pearl trimmed handles. The best umbrellas ever shown at our price of.................................$1.50

$1.98 for $3 Umbrellas. A large assortment of the most desirable handles. Good quality covering. Choice at.......................... $1.98

Fine Umbrellas at $2.98. Covered with twill silk and soft taffetas. Either natural wood or horn handles, silver and gold trimmed. Extra values at.......................... $2.98

$3.50 for $5 Umbrellas for both women and men. Take your pick of about 400 of these $5.00 grades at Sale Price of.................................. $3.50

Umbrellas at $4.98. A magnificent showing of these fine umbrellas, with very best coverings and gold, silver, natural wood, pearl, ivory and buckhorn handles. $7.50 and $8 values at.......... $4.98

Fine Umbrellas of the highest grades from $5.00 to $20.00.

Choice Gifts of Leather

Recent new arrivals—showing the very latest Xmas novelties in leather goods—increase the importance of this showing. Little prices prevail on every side.

Hand Bags at 98c. Genuine leather hand bags, with braided handles and leather covered or metal frames. Come in black, brown and tan. Also Peggy and Avenue bags of kid and fine grain leather. Strap or braided handles. Good values at $2. Special Holiday Price.......... 98c

Walrus Grain Leather Hand Bags, with new gilt and silver frames. All lined with figured moire and fitted with card case and purse. Come in black, tan and brown. $2.50 is what other stores would ask, here, each.............. $1.49

Real Walrus Leather Hand Bags, in brown, black and tan. Either leather covered or metal frames. Fine braided handles. A bargain at $3, offered at, each......$2.25

Leather Collar and Cuff Boxes, with patent top for collar button...$2.25

Real Leather Handkerchief Boxes, in hand-burnt Japanese designs $1.50

Leather Work Boxes, with complete sewing outfit, moire lining...$2.25

Genuine Leather Tourist Cases, with best fittings, Xmas Price..$5.98

Stock of Toys at Popular Prices Containing Everything the Children's Hearts Desire

IN BASEMENT—EASY OF ACCESS—NO CROWDED ELEVATORS.

Steam Engine—Horizontal type with boilerhouse, $1.00 value at........... 75c

Wheelbarrow—All-steel body and wheel, worth $1.00, at 65c

Police or Fire Patrol Wagon—Painted red or blue, heavy wheel and hub, $8.00 value at................$4.98

Shoo-Fly—Upholstered seat, worth $1.50, at 95c

Hook and Ladder—Has 3 large ladders, gong and heavy wheels worth $3.00, at.........$2.19

Magic Lanterns—With slides and double lens, worth $1, at 50c

Soldier Uniforms—Cap, sword and belt all complete, $1 value, at 65c

Go-Carts—Reed frame and body—worth 75c, at 39c

Rocking Horse—Large size, with tail and mane, worth $5, special at $2.48

Drums—Tin body and sheepskin head; 75c value, at........ 50c

Printing Press—With rubber roller—type, cards, ink, etc., $1.00 value at.... 59c

Large Horse on platform with wheels, priced from $10 to.......... 50c

Velocipede—Adjustable seat; $2.00 value at......... $1.25

Air Gun—The well known $1.00 "Daisy" at.......... 85c

The "Parisian" Walking Doll—A dressed doll that walks, talks and sleeps; worth $2.00, at.............. $1.25

That Timely Slipper Sale

Hundreds and hundreds of Xmas shoppers gladly availed themselves of the bargains offered through our manufacturers' sale of slippers, coming just when holiday slippers are in demand. The sale continues with the following values.

Women's $2 Slippers at $1.23. Felt slippers, in red, wine, grey and black, with fine cord trimming. During this sale choice at, per pair.............. $1.23

Women's $1.50 Juliets, 89c. The always wanted fur trimmed-Juliets, in red, black and green, which should bring $1.50, here Monday at, per pair.................. 89c

Misses' and Children's Juliets, also slippers, in all the popular styles and latest colorings, priced upwards from............. 59c

Men's $1.75 Slippers, 98c. Made of Vici kid, in black or tan shades. Extraordinary inducements this Monday at the Sale Price of, per pair.................................. 98c

We are showing an elegant line of Men's Fancy Slippers from $3.00 down to $1.50.

From Hat Dept.

Here are some special inducements calculated to attract the Holiday trade.

Children's Tam O'Shanters, also large sailors and fancy toques. Made of the newest materials, and in the latest colorings. Priced for the Holiday trade from.............. 25c to $3

Men's Fine Fur Caps, made of genuine Alaska seal, electric seal, silk plush and cloth, in the very latest shapes Unequaled showing at figures which range from..... 50c to $15

Men's Derbies and Soft Hats, in the newest shapes and latest colorings. Exclusive holiday styles in headwear which cannot be duplicated at our Sale Price of

$1.98, $3 and $4

In the Basement

Sporting goods and traveling requisites priced to attract Holiday buyers.

Hockey Skates for girls, boys, women and men. A pair of skates will certainly make an acceptable Xmas present. Our prices range from $4.56 down to......................... 79c

Full line of Peck & Snyder's Hockey and Rink Skates.

Boxing Gloves and Punching Bags in a large variety can be found in our basement sporting goods department at prices which range from $5 down to.......................... 89c

Cowhide Suit Cases, with steel frame, sewed and riveted. Best brass lock and catches. Specially priced this week at..................... $4.65

Pegamoid Suit Cases—look like leather, but wear better. Fastened with best clamps. Some 9 inches deep at $4, and others 6 inches deep at........ $3.25

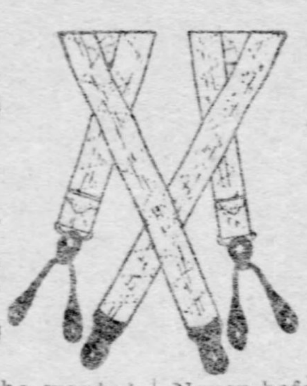
Practical Gifts for the Men Folks

Wearables are always practical and welcome presents for the men—and if they are up-to-date and tasteful they are sure to please. Our Men's Furnishing store presents matchless stocks at prices which will not overtax the purse.

Men's Bath Robes, including fine Turkish blanket and camel's hair robes, prettily trimmed. Should bring up to $10, our special Xmas figure is... $5.00

Men's Silk Suspenders, in neat designs. Put up in fancy boxes. Attractive showing priced from $5 down to..... 50c

Men's Pleated Shirts, white. A very appropriate Xmas gift, which is positively the best $1.50 value ever displayed. Our price is only $1.00



Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, guaranteed pure linen. Specially priced at $1 per box of half dozen, or each........ 20c

Men's Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, 25c and 50c.

Men's Gloves of the best makes, which in most stores are found in the $1.50 lines, to go at, per pair..... $1.00

Fine Imported Silk Mufflers, from $2.00 to $5.00.

Men's Silk Mufflers, in neat boxes. All the wanted patterns, making selection easy. See our showing at prices which will prove interesting to Xmas shoppers. Choice at $1 and 50c

Men's Neckwear, in all the wanted styles. Never before have we made such preparations to supply the Xmas shoppers with such handsome scarfs. Attractively priced at 25c, 50c, $1, $1.50 and $2.00

Xmas Sale Boys' Wear

If the boy is to have some new attire for Xmas—and there is nothing nicer—we have just the right garments at the right prices.

Boys' Overcoats, made of plain oxford grey cheviots, in ages 2½ to 15 years. Some finished with emblems on sleeves and brass buttons. Long half belted styles. Xmas Sale Price.......... $2.90

Boys' Suits, in double-breasted or Norfolk styles. Made of cheviots and cassimeres in ages 6 to 15 years. Pants have patent waistbands and taped seams. Splendid showing at............... $3.48

Boys' Suits. Eton or Russian blouse styles of plain or fancy cheviots and blue, red, brown or green serges and velvets. Some with ties to match and white collars. Plain or bloomer pants. Ages 2½ to 10. Sale Price.............. $4.90

Boys' Overcoats, in ages 2½ to 16. Long half-belted styles of wanted cloths. Xmas Sale Price............... $5.00

"Solomon's Special" Knee Pants at 48c.

Men's House Coats

Roomy, comfortable house garments—the kind that every time a man wears them he will think pleasantly of the giver. Note these special prices—

Smoking Jackets, in the latest shades of cheviots and billiard cloths. Self lined. Collars and cuffs trimmed to match. An attractive display at.......................... $4.39

Smoking Jackets of velours, billiard cloths and cheviots, in the newest colorings. Self lined. Collars and cuffs trimmed to match. Finished with silk cord binding. Special Holiday offering at.......... $5.75

Smoking Jackets, made of velours, billiard cloths, cheviots, velvets and Matelasse cloths, in the correct shades. Some with quilted and others self linings. Collars and cuffs trimmed to match. Sale Prices for the Holidays are $10 and......... $7.50

Lounging Robes, in all the new Persian effects, extreme long lengths, from................ $3.75 up

Negligee Wear—Aprons

Dainty and Inexpensive Gift Suggestions from Third Floor.

Dressing Sacques, made of all-wool ripple eiderdown, in red and gray. Collar brocaded and trimmed with braids. Very special at...... $1.50

Dressing Sacques, made of all-wool eiderdown, in pink, blue, red and grey. Turnover collar, finished with crocheted edge. Unequaled at our Sale Price of................................ 85c

Eiderdown Bath Robes, with sailor collar and fitted backs. Trimmed with cord and tassel. Satin bound. Choice of red or grey at the attractive price of.............................. $3.25

Bretelle Aprons of fine white lawns, with or without bibs. Finished with deep hem and wide ties. Extra values at........................... 25c

Long Crepe Kimonos, with Persian Border, $1.45

Fancy Tea Aprons, in round or square effects. Made of sheer white lawns, trimmed with lace and ribbons. Also Manicure aprons with bibs. Choice at.................................. 50c

Trimmed Hats

$5 For Trimmed Hats is nothing unusual, but when these are regular $10 and $15 grades, it becomes a matter worthy of your closest attention. For tomorrow—Monday's selling—we have set aside one entire section of our spacious millinery department for the sale of these beautiful creations. Among them you will find many original patterns that sold as high as $15. As to their style, we hardly need dwell on that; everyone knows what "Solomon's" hats are. If you want a real bargain, come here and select one from this gathering at.... $5

HATS TRIMMED FREE.

From 3d Floor

Some useful ideas that point the Xmas shopper to profitable and pleasing purchases—gifts that freshen the home environments are always acceptable.

$1.98 for $4.00 Linen Sets. Fine linen table sets, consisting of table cloth and one-half dozen napkins. Neatly put up in boxes. Should bring $4.00, here at, per set.................. $1.98

$2.48 for $4.50 Table Cloths, bleached, 2½ and 3 yards long. Some neatly hemstitched, others plain. Other stores would ask $4.50, our Special Holiday Price is, each.................. $2.48

$1.98 for $3.50 Napkins. 1,000 dozen fine linen napkins, 22 by 22 inches—and some larger—which would readily bring $3.50, this Monday, per dozen.... $1.98

$2.69 for $4.50 Table Covers. Tapestry table covers of mercerized silk or heavy tapestries, in greens, reds or Oriental patterns. Our Xmas Sale Price, each.................. $2.69

$4.25 for $6.50 Couch Covers, in Oriental patterns. Extra large and fringed on all sides. Exclusive stores ask $6.50, here, each.................. $4.25

ODD PIECES FOR THE PARLOR MAKE NICE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The patterns are chaste, dignified and appealing—such pieces as add so much to the air of elegance which pervades well furnished American homes. There's always room for another chair of this sort, hence its great acceptability as a Christmas gift... **$5.50 AND UP**

TERMS: DOLLAR DOWN, 25c A WEEK.

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PERHAPS YOUR HOME Would Welcome A HANDSOME TETE

If you wish to bestow a gift that will always occupy a "place of honor" in the home, this Tete has especial interest for you. It is a very handsome piece of furniture, with lovely upholstering and an exquisitely polished frame, good spring construction and meritorious throughout. We commend this Tete to all our friends.................. **PRICE $10**

TERMS: DOLLAR DOWN, 50c A WEEK.

MENTION RUGS

Just touch upon the subject of Rugs and you'll find that your friends regard them highly as Christmas offerings.

Spear's line is particularly noteworthy, embracing many exclusive novelties.

Brussels Rugs, room size, in many new and effective patterns, Spear's price.................. **$11**

Smyrna Rugs, 9x12 feet, special designs and colorings; Spear's price.................. **$12**

Axminster Rugs, 9x12 feet, very much in favor, rarely beautiful effects; Spear's price........ **$16.50**

Wilton Velvet Rugs, 9x12 feet, elegant, heavy, rich rugs, splendid patterns; Spear's price........ **$22.50**

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING TILL CHRISTMAS

GIFT HINTS

- Library Tables
- Library Cases
- Den Chairs
- Den Tables
- Fancy Rockers
- Turkish Chairs
- Ladies' Desks
- Music Cabinets
- Parlor Cabinets
- Fancy Parlor Chairs
- Pedestals
- Fancy Busts
- Ornamental Vases
- Couches, Sideboards
- China Closets, Etc.

This Child's Pretty Rocker, 98c

ON SALE MONDAY

It is always wise to buy something substantial and lasting as well as pretty in selecting gifts for the little folks. This child's Rocker possesses all these elements. Oak finish with cobbler seat.

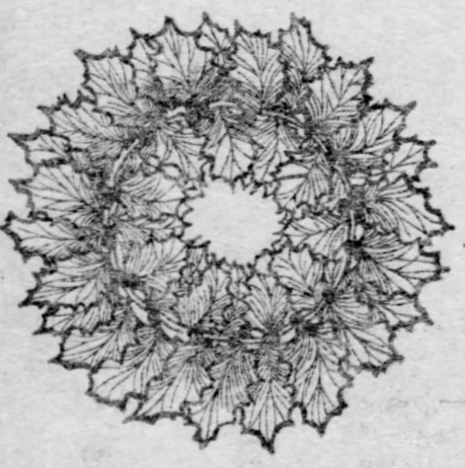
This Child's Morris Chair, 98c

ON SALE MONDAY

Velour cushions, framework substantial and nicely finished. Only 98c during Monday sale.

Spear's Idea of Giving Credit on Goods Intended for HOLIDAY GIFTS Is Another Innovation for Public Convenience and Indicates a Desire for a Better, Broader and More Liberal Co-operation.

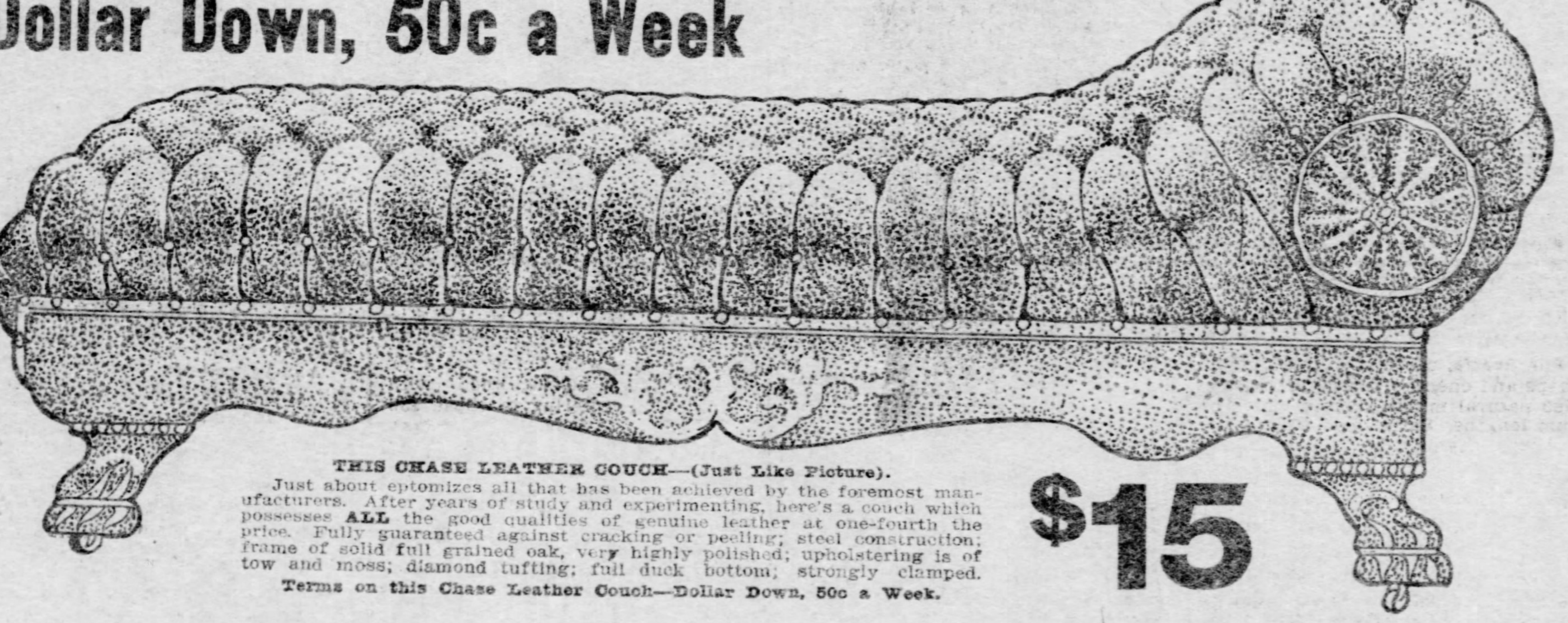
Terms on This Chase Leather Couch Dollar Down, 50c a Week



THIS ARTIFICIAL HOLLY WREATH 15c

On Sale Tuesday Evening Only.

Looks exactly like real holly, but has the advantage over holly by reason of its perennial freshness. It will keep its holly look throughout the year. The brilliant red berries look like genuine holly berries and we defy you to tell the difference. Hang one in your front window.



THIS CHASE LEATHER COUCH—(Just Like Picture).

Just about eptomizes all that has been achieved by the foremost manufacturers. After years of study and experimenting, here's a couch which possesses **ALL** the good qualities of genuine leather at one-fourth the price. Fully guaranteed against cracking or peeling; steel construction; frame of solid full grained oak, very highly polished; upholstering is of tow and moss; diamond tufting; full duck bottom; strongly clamped.

Terms on this Chase Leather Couch—Dollar Down, 50c a Week.

$15

THIS EARTHEN PITCHER, 10c

On Sale Wednesday Evening Only.

Earthen Pitchers, burnt in contrasting shades of beautiful brown and highly glazed, are very much the fad nowadays. Since this earthen ware recently came into fashion there has been great demand for it among the elite. This is an exceptionally pretty pitcher and can be put to many uses. Holds 1 qt.

This Tretty Dressing Table, $4.98

The designer of this pretty dressing table was instructed to make the design strictly original and artistic. How well he has succeeded you will readily realize when you see it. It is just such a dressing table as would delight any woman in the land. Comes in birdseye maple, golden oak and mahogany.

Cash or Credit.

Terms on This Morris Chair: $1 Cash, 50c a Week.

THIS MORRIS CHAIR

is particularly attractive in appearance and is one of the special holiday attractions to be found in this stock. Provided with handsome velour covered cushions, reversible, and is altogether a most comfortable chair. The frame work is substantial and well finished. This Morris chair is assuredly handsome and would make an ideal Christmas gift.................. **$4.98**

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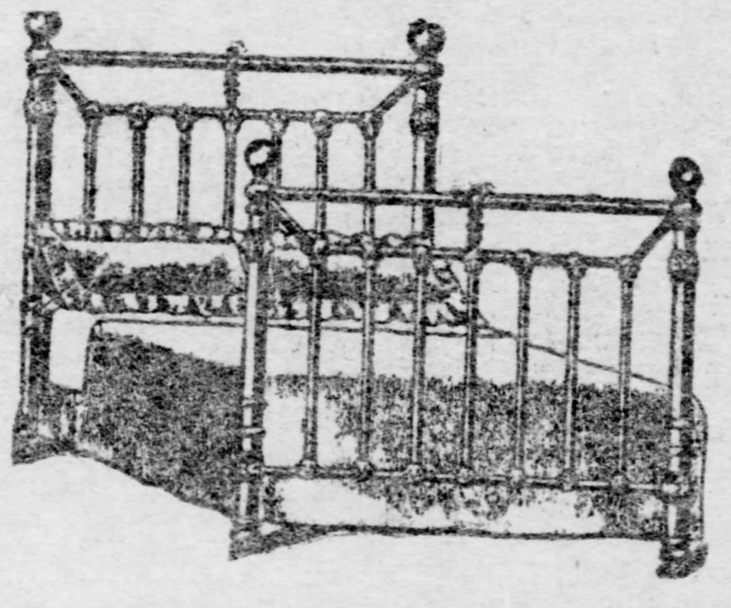


EXACTLY LIKE CUT.

Complete with spring, mattress and pillows. Tubing, filling and chills on this bed are very heavy; knobs are of brass, has heavy brass rod across top of head and foot. We now offer to the public this bed complete with woven wire springs of guaranteed construction, a heavy 40-pound cotton top mattress and a pair of pillows.............................. **$9.50**

TERMS ON THIS BED OUTFIT: $1 CASH, 50c A WEEK.

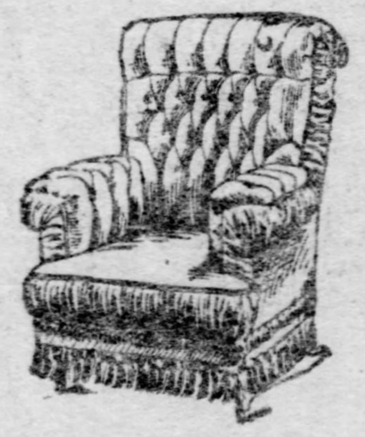
Terms on This Morris Chair: $1 Cash, 50c a Week.

Terms on Morris Chair, $1 Cash, 50c a Week.

The New Spear Morris Chair

It's with great pleasure Spear asks your attention to this splendid Morris Chair, which is exactly like cut, is built of heavy, solid, quarter-sawed oak or fine grain birch-mahogany, has large, broad arms, full carved front and heavy claw feet. Spring seat is built on guaranteed steel construction; velour cushions... **$12.50**

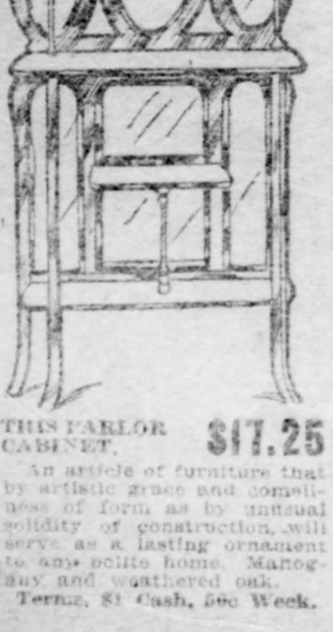
Terms on Morris Chair: $1 Cash, 50c a week.



This Handsome Leather Chair

Doubtless you would cudgel your brains a long time without hitting upon anything half so suitable as a gift for father, husband, brother or son as this elegant leather chair. It is one of the most luxuriously comfortable chairs built.................. **$29**

TERMS: DOLLAR DOWN, 50c A WEEK.



THIS PARLOR CABINET. $17.25

An article of furniture that by artistic grace and comeliness of form as by unusual solidity of construction, will serve as a lasting ornament to any polite home. Mahogany and weathered oak.

Terms, $1 Cash, 50c Week.

Exquisite Music Cabinets from $6.50 UP

All the desirable woods to select from. Terms: Dollar Cash. 25c to 50c a Week.

Christmas Roasting Pan 20c

A timely offering, and at price to please all the people.

Not a little "stingy" affair, but a very large Roasting Pan with a tight-fitting lid—large enough to hold a turkey of any weight, or two chickens. Dimensions, 16 inches long, 10 high, 7½ deep. Locks securely and has patent steam vent.

On Sale Friday Evening Only.

This Child's Metal Bed 50c

On Sale Thursday Evening Only

This pretty metal bed for a child's doll is in miniature, the counterpart of a regular iron bed. It is strongly made and so fashioned that it can be folded up for packing. When ready for use it is 16 inches long by 10 wide. The head is 15 inches high, the foot seven inches high. Provided with mattress, two pillows and canopy all covered with a beautiful flowered material. The pillow slips are fringed with lace, very pretty. Any little girl would be delighted with a Christmas gift like this, even if Santa Claus should bring her nothing else.

Price 50c. On sale Thursday Evening Only.

Christmas Carving Set 15c

Away below hardware dealers' prices. A really good Carving Set, consisting of a strong carver, 13 inches long and a carving fork, 11 inches long—each made of a fine quality of steel and provided with a heavy, substantial handle.

Each set is enclosed in a neat pasteboard box.

On Sale Friday Evening Only.

THIS LADY'S WRITING DESK, $11.50

Something eminently appropriate for a sensible and handsome Christmas present. Aside from the ample space provided by the Desk proper, a large drawer and two commodious shelves afford additional room for papers, books, etc.

Terms: $1.00 Cash, 50c a Week.

COMBINATION BOOKCASE AND DESK

(Exactly like cut.)

Not of the cheapest grade and yet not expensive at the price asked. It's a handsome case, made of finest heavy flaked quartered oak or specially selected birch; interior finished throughout; desk apartment has pigeonholes and drawers. Real value $30; our special holiday price **$18.50**

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RUGS, MISFIT CARPETS AND SLIGHTLY SHOPWORN FURNITURE

At one-half and one-fourth less than charged by other stores.

Store Open Evenings Till Christmas

RUG BARGAINS FOR CHRISTMAS

140 Mitre Rugs, 42x42 inches, Velvet, Axminster and Brussels. Sold in other stores for $3.50. Our sale price....... **$1.50**

Other stores charge this much to sew them together.

22 heavy Ingrain Room Rugs, size 9x12 feet. Sold in other stores for $10. Our sale price.................. **$4.98**

Extra room Rugs in Velvet, Brussels and Axminster—all sizes. Sold at $30, $35 and $40. Our sale price..... **$16.25**

Remember these Rugs come in all the latest patterns.

SPECIAL!

8 Mattresses. Sold in other stores for $2.25. Our sale price.................. **98c**

We secure genuine Misfit Carpets from the leading dealers of the city—to say nothing of what we buy from dealers in other cities.

Shopworn Furniture Just a Trifle Scratched.

12 Morris Chairs. Sold in other stores for $10. Our sale price.............. **$4.98**

These chairs come in mahogany and oak.

9 very fine Oak and Mahogany Bedroom Suits. Sold in other stores for $50. Our sale price.............. **$24.75**

14 Bedroom Suits. Sold in other stores for $35. Our sale price.............. **$14.50**

10 Sideboards. Sold in other stores for $25. Our sale price.............. **$14.75**

23 Golden Oak Extension Tables, Sold in other stores for $15. Our sale price....... **$4.98**

15 Bed Springs. Sold in other stores for $2.50. Our sale price.................. **98c**

26 Oak and Mahogany Rockers. Sold in other stores for $3.75. Our sale price...... **$1.25**

20 Iron Beds, full size. Sold in other stores for $8. Our sale price.............. **$3.98**

10 Combination Desks. Sold in other stores for $20. Our sale price.............. **$11.75**

40 Chairs. Very fine wood, large seats. Sold in other stores for $1.00. Our sale price..... **50c**

21 Oak and Mahogany Folding Beds. Sold in other stores for $21. Our sale price.................. **$11.50**

8 China Closets. Sold in other stores for $24 to $35. Our sale price......... **$12.50**

29 Coal Ranges. Sold in other stores for $21.50. Our sale price.............. **$12.50**

16 Leather Couches. Sold in other stores for $25. Our sale price.............. **$14.50**

13 five-piece Parlor Suits. Sold in other stores for $40 to $60. Our sale price.. **$19.75**

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Bring this ad. with you, so you get just the goods you want.

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CLARKE THINKS THE PIRATES WILL BE FASTER

CLARKE PLEASED WITH THE TRADES

Thinks Pirates Will Be Faster Than Ever Before and Looks for Good Results.

MORE PLAYERS ARE COMING

Fully satisfied with the deals he has made, and that the Pirates of next season will be a faster team than ever before, is the belief of Fred Clarke, who returned last night from the east, accompanied by Secretary Locke. Manager Clarke will remain here until tomorrow when he will leave for his home in Kansas, to stay until it is time to report for the spring training trip.

On the way over Clarke stopped in Philadelphia to learn something about the extra player which the Pittsburgh team is to get in exchange for Bransfield, Kruger and McCormick. This player has not yet been named, but the Pirates' leader expects to get word from the Quaker officials in a day or two. The new man, according to Clarke, is a fine outfielder who will add strength to the team. In an interview last night, Clarke said:

"I am well pleased with what we accomplished in New York. I do not underestimate the worth of Bransfield, Kruger, Phelps and McCormick. They are good players with years of service ahead of them and I venture to predict that they will become as popular in their new berths as they were in Pittsburgh. For personal reasons I also regret their departure. They are all friends of mine. The report that Bransfield had to go because of a quarrel with Wagner is absolutely untrue. This and all other changes in the team were made by me for the sole purpose of strengthening the combination. I do not pretend to guarantee that this will be the effect of the deals, but I can assure the friends of the club that I have at least been influenced by the best intentions. A manager cannot allow himself to be carried away by sentiment and must often sever friendly relationships in order to attain results on the field.

"I was particularly pleased with Clancy and do not look upon him as an experiment, so that if McBride or Howard or the new outfielder we are going to get makes good, we will have a combination faster than the old one, because all of the new men are good baserunners and it takes runs to win games. It is necessary for only one of the three to make good, because with Wagner on the team, we are more fortunate than any other club. Hans is the best shortstop that ever happened, can play the outfield as well as anybody that ever made the attempt, and I am satisfied that if we get a chance to use him at first he will show the baseball world how the position really should be played. His work there last fall was marvelous.

"The race next year should be a hummer. From what I gathered in New York John T. Brush's suggestion for providing for annual post-season games for the world championship under proper rules and regulations will be adopted and this will insure a prize for the players of both leagues to work for. The players will know at the start just what they can count on in the fall and every team that has a chance will fight to the finish for the privilege of contending for the inter-league series for the highest honors and a big cash prize. That will make the race for the pennant keen. I don't expect to see another runaway. New York is standing pat and all of the other teams are being greatly strengthened. We are going to Hot Springs early next March and will devote all of our time to training and will not do any barnstorming. I hope we will have better weather and better luck generally than we had last season.

"I heard in New York that we have picked up a wise young catcher in Sid Smith. They say he knows the game and can field, throw and bat. Holmes, one of our new pitchers, comes from my part of the country. The players out there think he is a winner."

SOUTHERN LEAGUE MEETING.

Organization in Fine Shape—Will Have Shorter Season.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 17.—A meeting of the directors of the Southern Baseball league is being held here today behind closed doors. Judge Cavanaugh of Little Rock, president of the league, is presiding, and all of the directors are in attendance. The question of formally awarding the pennant to Memphis and the standing of the other clubs for the season recently closed were passed upon.

The report of President Kavanaugh shows that the financial condition of the league is excellent, the treasurer having over $5,000 on hand in addition to the $8,000 guarantee fund. Judge Kavanaugh recommends that the season be shortened to 126 games, and all clubs should be forced to respect the salary limit of $2,000.

WAGNER'S TEAM WON.

Hans and Patsy Flaherty Showed They Could Play the Game.

Down at Carnegie last night Hans Wagner and Patsy Flaherty, the well-known ball players, broke into basketball and formed part of the Chartiers Valley team, which made short work of Allegheny Lyceum five, 44 to 11. The game was largely attended and the feature was the work of Wagner, Flaherty and Lampe. Score and lineup:

Chartiers Valley—44.		Lyceum—11.
Flaherty	Forward	Thompson
Orr-Frey	Forward	Hyde
Lampe	Center	Orr
M. Frey	Guard	Geisler
Wagner-Kirk	Guard	Cashdollar

Field goals—Lampe 6, Wagner 5, Kirk 4, M. Frey 3, B. Frye 3, Orr 2, Geisler 1. Gouls—Lampe 2, Orr 5. Referee—Kalloch.

Railroaders Again Win.

The Railroad A. C. and the Rambler five came together for the third time last night and Railroad again came out ahead, 44 to 5. For the preliminary the Railroad Midgets defeated the Fayette Midgets, 14 to 6. Lineup:

Railroad—44.		Rambler—5.
Stewart	F.	H. Gittens-Calhoun
Meisel	F.	Schie-Gray
McIntire	C.	A. Gittens
Gross	G.	A. Gittens
Kelley	G.	Bennington

Foul goals—Stewart 7, Meisel 3, Gross 4, Kelly 6, Stehle, A. Gittens. Fouls—Stewart 4, A. Gittens 1. Referee—Tannehill. Timer—Hand. Scorer—Barney Stringer.

Pequots Tie at Canonsburg.

Pequots played the Canonsburg team a tie game at Canonsburg last night, 16 to 16. The Claytons played a good game for Pequots, while Crawford and Hickman played well for Canonsburg. Line-up:

Pequot—16.		Canonsburg—16.
M. Clayton	R. F.	Crawford
Drane	L. F.	Hickman
N. Clayton	Center	Reese
Marshall	R. G.	Hull
Penrose	L. G.	Black

Substitute—Johnston for Penrose, Berry for Hull. Field goals—M. Clayton 4, N. Clayton 3, Marshall 1, Crawford 3, Hickman 1, Reese 2, Hull 1, Berry 1.

AMONG THE PASSERS.

The Great Eastern five would like to hear from all good teams. R. H. Banks, 5433 Kincaid street, East End, city.

The Oriens want games with 11 to 13-year-old teams. Address Ike Stauffer, 2313 West Market street, Allegheny.

The Fowler A. C. and Railroad A. C. of the Manchester league are scheduled to meet next Wednesday night.

The Crescents of Allegheny want games with all good junior teams having halls. Address Albert Yoest, 128 High street, Allegheny.

The Olympic Juniors of McKeesport want a game with some strong junior team for Wednesday night. Call Bell phone 548, McKeesport.

The Amateur A. A. will line up against Crafton High school Monday night at the gymnasium of the California Avenue Methodist Episcopal church.

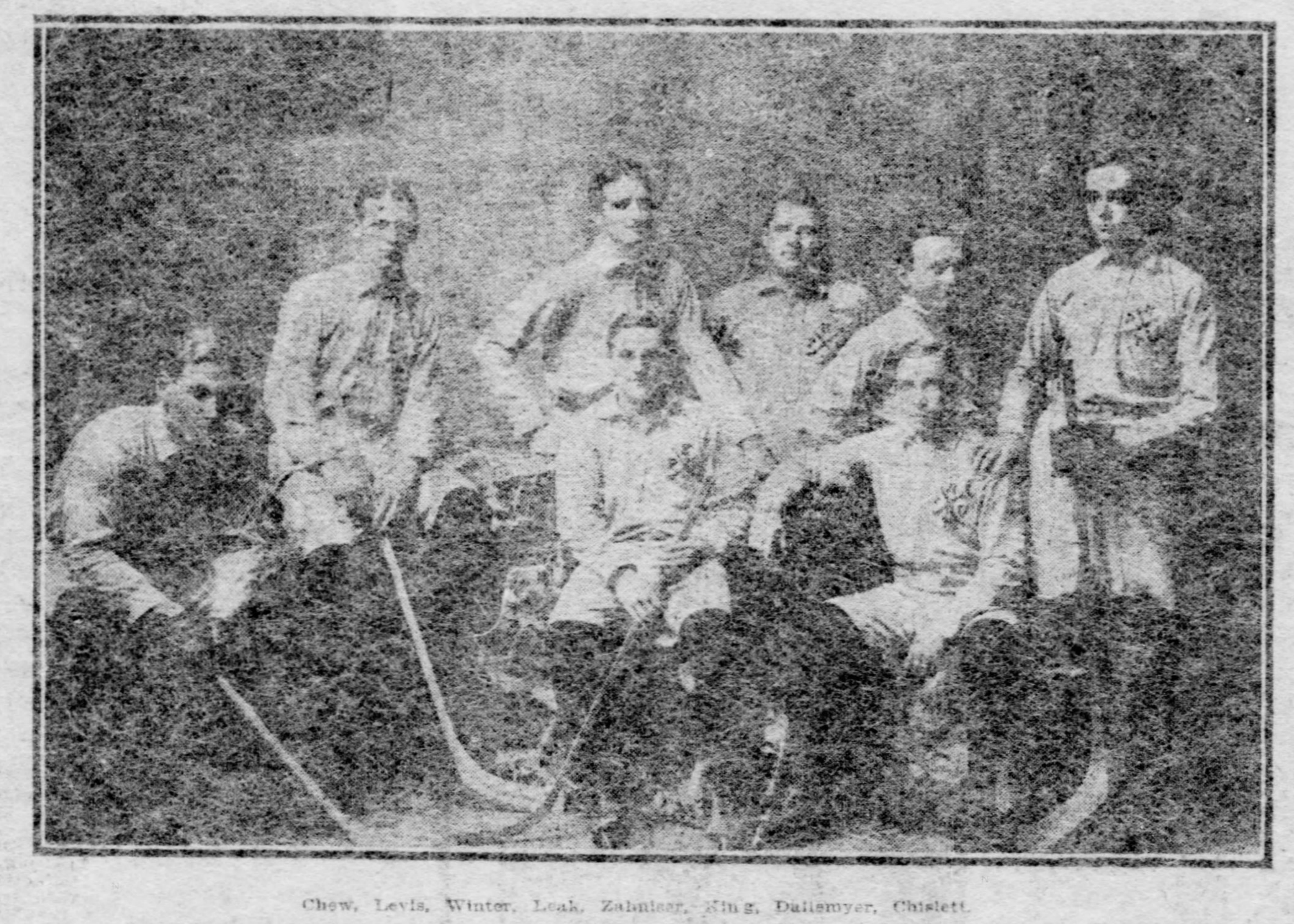
The Fayette team would like to hear from some good team for Thursday night, the game to be played on Fayette's floor. Address C. Bittner, 1310 Faulkner street, Allegheny.

The Wilmerding Y. M. C. A. team wants to hear from first-class teams for a game at Wilmerding on Saturday, December 24. Call George M. Graham, Grant 1314, or address P. O. Box 35, Wilmerding.

The Manchester Juniors and the State five will play the preliminary to the Manchester-Freedom game tomorrow night. The State five defeated the Apollo High school team at Apollo recently.

The Manchester Midgets and the Railroad Midgets, who will play the preliminary to the Fowler-Railroad game Wednesday night, played each other to a standstill the first time they came together this season, each team getting 10 points.

PRINCETON, 1904-'05 HOCKEY TEAM



Chew, Levis, Winter, Leak, Zahniser, King, Dallemyer, Chislett.

LOCAL BOWLERS MADE BIG SCORES

Past Week Was an Active One on the Alleys and Contests Were Very Close.

CHANGE IN CITY LEAGUE

The past week was one of the liveliest of the season in local bowling circles. Not only were large scores turned in by teams but the highest individual score of the season, 266, made by Billy Lee of the Rough Riders in the game against the Unity team on the Fifth avenue alleys on Friday night.

The City league games of the past week furnished no surprises outside of the defeat of the Herron Hill team in one game on the Glenwood alleys. The Brunswick and Unity teams had comparative easy sailing, and retain their respective positions in the league race. Birmingham took one game from Captain Wilson's team, but the latter still has a good lead in the race, they having lost but two games this season. The Rough Riders dropped back a little by losing two games to the Unity team, while the Herron Hill team increased its lead on third place by taking two from the Glenwood team. The teams are pretty well bunched as a whole, especially in the first division. Mt. Troy and Glenwood are having a great race of it for tail-end honors.

The action of the league in suspending the Great Eastern team has caused considerable talk, favorable and unfavorable, but the majority of bowlers in this city are well pleased that the City league showed that it had the nerve to back up its own rules. The Great Eastern team was suspended because the captain of the club insisted on bowling a non-eligible member against the Herron Hill team on December 1. The league showed its real power, however, by suspending the Great Eastern team and the example will prove a great benefit to the other teams in the league, as it shows that no trifling will be permitted. The standing of the teams is as follows:

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Brunswick	16	2	.889	G. Eastern	7	11	.389
Unity	16	5	.762	Castle 211	7	14	.333
H. Hill	15	6	.714	Arlington	7	14	.333
R. Riders	13	8	.619	Birmingham	7	14	.333
Federal	13	8	.619	Mt. Troy	5	16	.238
Millvale	12	9	.524	Glenwood	5	16	.238

Surprises were numerous in the County league last week and the Unity team was the only one to come up to the predictions. The Liberty surprised the experts by dropping two games to the new Birminghams on the South Side and thereby losing the lead in the race. The North Braddock team also sprung a surprise by taking two out of three from the Brunswick boys on the Wylie avenue alleys. The first game was a particularly hard one to lose as the Brunswicks put up 940 while the visitors chalked up 947. The standing of the teams to date follows:

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Unity	26	7	.788	Federal	17	16	.515
Liberty	25	8	.758	Allegheny	16	17	.485
Brunswick	23	10	.697	Millvale	15	18	.455
Troy Hill	23	10	.697	Mammoth	14	19	.424
Social	19	11	.633	Cecelia	14	19	.424
E. Pgh.	21	15	.583	Glenwood	11	22	.333
Braddock	19	14	.576	Birm'gham	9	24	.273
N. Brad'ck	19	14	.576	St. Boniface	5	28	.152
South Side	18	15	.545	Duquesne	3	30	.091

At a meeting of the special membership committee of the City league last night the Tuxedo team was elected to take the place of the Great Eastern team which resigned last Sunday night. The new team is captained by A. J. Nicolet, manager of the Wylie avenue alleys, and promises to take up the record of the Great Eastern team and finish the schedule with a good showing. The other applicant was the Fifth avenue team which received one vote to two for the Tuxedo team.

The Excelsiors are now in the lead in the St. Augustine league and are determined to hold their place for the balance of the season. The Blooms are equally determined to win the championship and will put up a hard fight for the honors.

A movement is on foot to hold a prize tournament on the new Duquesne alleys during the last two weeks of December in which prizes to the amount of $1,000 will be given. Definite announcement as to the number and value of the prizes will be made sometime during this week.

Capt. Fischer of the Arlingtons is still celebrating the 666 score put up by his team Friday night against the Federals.

BRADDOCK TEAM IS BEATEN.

Roscoe, East Liverpool and Morgan Teams Win in Association League.

The Roscoe association football team defeated the Braddock aggregation at Edgar Thomson steel works park, Braddock, yesterday, 3 to 2. The game was fiercely contested. Braddock had not lost a single game since the regular team started playing. Lineup:

Braddock—2.		Roscoe—3.
T. Chambers	G.	A. Wick
J. Chambers	F. B.	Young
Gatenby	F. B.	Acklnclose
O'Brien	H. B.	Hall
Mitchell	H. B.	G. Wick
Haley	H. B.	N. Wick
Fitzsimmons	F.	Brown
McCloskey	F.	Woods
Talent	F.	Parkins
Harper	F.	Fechter
Wanless	F.	Underwood

Referee—Smith of McDonald. Linesmen—Proudfoot and Wilson. Halves—45 minutes each.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—East Liverpool and East Pittsburgh played a league game in the snow here this afternoon. East Liverpool won, 4 to 1. Lineup:

East Liverpool—4.		East Pittsburgh—1.
Townley	G.	Carnahan
Bowers	F. B.	Fasslin
Hall	F. B.	Chambers
Parker	H. B.	McAtea
Tucker	H. B.	Mulligan
Brown	H. B.	Gillespie
Stevenson	F.	Ferguson
Dempster	F.	Arthrall
Davis	F.	G. Arthrall
Barker	F.	Haley
Harris	F.	Hemstock

MORGAN, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Morgan A. C. defeated the McDonald association team 3 to 0.

SPENCERIAN BEATEN IN HANDICAP EVENT

Weight Proved Too Much for Favorite and Could Not Make Good in Heavy Going.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—Spencerian's inability to shoulder top weight in the heavy going, tells the story of the running of the Crescent City handicap today. The game mare with a record of 24 wins this season was always favorite in the betting, with Luralighter, to whom she was conceding 18 pounds, second choice. Garnish, at 7 to 2, carried most of the money. He led to the stretch and then tiring, failed to stall off Luralighter's challenge and finished second. The race was worth $1,100 to the winner.

Belle of Portland was the only other beaten favorite. Jack Moran fell at the half-mile in the stake race, broke his leg and was destroyed. Weather clear, track muddy. Summary:

First race, 6 furlongs—Telescope, 107, J. Martin, 11 to 20, won; Van Ness, 107, Fisher, 18 to 5, second; Mayor Johnson, 107, H. Phillips, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:18.

Second race, 7 furlongs—Matador, 107, Nicol, 2 to 5, won; Queen Rose, 104, Romanelli, 20 to 1, second; Kilties, 103, A. Brennan, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:35¾.

Third race, 5 furlongs—Trossachs, 107, W. Robbins, 16 to 1, won; Totness, 107, J. Martin, 5 to 2, second; Belle of Portland, 107, Lee, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:05.

Fourth race, the Crescent City handicap, 1½ miles—Luralighter, 98, Stille, 3 to 1, won; Garnish, 104½, J. Martin, 7 to 2, second; Aladdin, 100, Nicol, 8 to 1, third. Time, 2:16.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs, handicap—Viperine, 107, H. Phillips, 1 to 2, won; Savoir Faire, 109, Romanelli, 6 to 1, second; Green Gown, 102, L. Wedderstrand, 9 to 1, third. Time, 1:06.

Sixth race, 1⅛ miles—Aurumaster, 95, Schilling, 5 to 2, won; Autolight, 112, H. Phillips, 18 to 5, second; Little Boy, 99, Romanelli, 6 to 1, third. Time, 2:03.

MAKE THEIR DEMANDS.

Western Turfmen Want Better Dates and Threaten Trouble.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Turfmen who are dissatisfied with the allotment of racing dates by the Western Jockey club met here today and formulated demands and arguments to be presented to the board of stewards of the controlling body at the monthly meeting of that body January 2. If recognition is not given the demands decided upon, a meeting of the discontented track owners will be held on the day following to take further action in the matter.

In the appeal to be presented to the Western Jockey club all the grievances of each of the dissatisfied race track owners are set forth, and a demand for better dates is made. Should the petition be accepted and satisfactory adjustment of the dates be arranged, the trouble which appears to be brewing will be averted. What will happen if the board of stewards refuse to consider the petition is problematical and will not be determined until a second meeting of the dissatisfied track owners is held.

WILL HELP PAY COACH.

Local Lehigh Club Takes Action on Football Matters.

The regular monthly meeting of the Pittsburgh Lehigh club was held last night at the Monongahela club, was largely attended and in many respects was the best meeting the club has held this fall. The question of a successor to the late president, Dr. Thomas M. Brown, was discussed, but no final action taken.

University matters in general were considered and the club pledged itself to raise its share of the football coach's salary for the next season. The football season was a disastrous one for the team, but high hopes are entertained for the next. The next meeting of the club will be held January 21.

MARQUETTES TAKE GAME FROM D. L. AND G. A. FIVE

The D. L. & G. A. team of the Point met its Waterloo in one of the most exciting games ever seen on the Marquette floor last night. The Point boys deserve credit for lessening the lead of their opponents, whose score was 8 to 5 in the first half. Lineup:

Marquette—15.		D. L. & G. A.—12.
Gibney	Forward	Lawrence
Bowse	Forward	McGovern
Brady	Center	Flaherty
Archer	Guard	Lawrence
Welsh	Guard, McGuire	McClarion

Goals from field—Gibney 3, Flaherty 3, Welsh 2, J. Lawrence, McGovern, Bowse, Archer, McClarion. Fouls—Gibney.

The D. L. & G. A. Juniors lost to the Marquette Juniors 12 to 11 in the preliminary in the last five seconds of play.

Perrysville Has High Score.

The Perrysville first team last night defeated the Leach team from South Side 62 to 14. Both teams played a clean game. Lineup:

Perrysville—62.		Leach—14.
Johnston	R. F.	Aulenbaugher
W. Collins	L. F.	Leske
Frazier	Center	Chapman
A. Collins	R. G.	Quallick
Parks	L. G.	Wenzel

Goals from field—Johnston 9, W. Collins 10, Frazier 10, A. Collins 1, Aulenbaugher 5, Wenzel 2. Goals from foul—W. Collins 2. Scorer—Tharp. Referee—Miller.

Carsons Win Close Game.

The Carsons defeated the St. John Lyceum second team in an interscholastic game last night 12 to 4. Lineup:

Carsons—12.		Lyceum—4.
Cregan	R. F.	Leddy
McConlogue, Charles	L. F.	Shalley
Bleichner	C.	Maloney
E. Davine, O'Neil	R. G.	Gabel
McCullough	L. G.	Pomers

Field goals—Cregan 2, McConlogue, Bleichner, McCullough, Shalley 2. Fouls—Cregan 2.

Butler Wins at Zelienople.

ZELIENOPLE, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Butler five tonight defeated Zelienople 24 to 13. The work of Turner for Butler and Cavanaugh for Zelienople was especially good. Line-up:

Butler—24.		Zelienople—13.
Durner	Forward	Cavanaugh
Brown	Forward	Cunningham
Turner	Center	Zeigler
Klingner	Guard	Fogel
Aiken	Guard	Rogner

Field goals—Durner 6, Turner 3, Aiken 2, Cavanaugh 3, Cunningham 2. Foul goals—Turner 2, Cavanaugh. Referee—Leeder. Umpire—Young. Time of halves—20 minutes.

Another Boxing Smoker.

There is to be a boxing smoker at Old City hall on Tuesday night when many of the best local boxers will be pitted against each other. The principal bout will be between Patsy Brannigan and Young Zieringer, a pair of clever 100-pound boxers. There will also be music and singing.

PREPS ARE EASY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Pittsburgh Shoots Four Goals in the First Half and Three in the Last Half.

FINE TEAM WORK IS SHOWN

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Shadyside	2	0	1000
Pittsburgh	2	1	.667
East Liberty	1	1	.500
Wilkinsburg	1	1	.500
Allegheny	0	3	....

The Pittsburgh High school seven outskated and outshot the Allegheny Preps yesterday afternoon in an interscholastic game and won, 7 to 0. The fast forwards on the High school seven had little difficulty in advancing the puck, and they shot like veterans.

Fahnestock, the Preps' regular goalkeeper, was not in the game on account of illness and Schmidt, who took his place, was unable to ward off the shots.

Pittsburgh shot four goals in the opening half, two coming early after the face off. In this period Cellar was the only Prep. who seemed able to take the puck from the High school forwards, but in the second half the team got more of a move on and made several shots toward the High school net, but did not negotiate goal.

Capt. Reisfar, shortly after the face off, took the puck to the Preps.' net, where Robinson shot goal from a scrimmage. The teams had hardly got in action again when Bright and Robinson went through the crowd, passing the puck from one to the other. When near the net Robinson passed to Bright, who shot the second goal.

Another scrimmage was soon in progress at the Prep. cage and Van Gorder shot goal. Before the close of the session Johns went up the ice with the rubber and passed to Bright, who turned over the rubber to Capt. Reisfar, who rung up the fourth goal of the half on a pretty shot into the cage.

In this half the High school team showed excellent team work, and skated all around the Preps.

Van Gorder started the first excitement in the last period by tearing through the Prep. team and passing to Bright for goal. Not long after this shot Van Gorder skated through the Prep. defense and shot into the cage. Robinson secured the final goal on a loft from almost the middle of the ice into the net. The line-up:

Pittsburgh—7.		Allegheny—0.
Reed	Goal	Schmidt
Harmer	Point	Walker
Johns	Coverpoint	Reiter
Van Gorder	Forward	Pettit
Reisfar	Center	Lyon
Bright	Right Wing	Cellar
Robinson	Left Wing	Worcester

Goals—Robinson, 2; Van Gorder, 3; Bright, Reisfar. Referee—Charlie Ahl. Goal judges—Frank Spuhler, High School; Kerr Price, Northern Ohio. Timers—Paul Harper and Herm. Smith.

SIMM'S INJURED HAND.

Bonesetter Reese Repaired Injury Received in Fight With Stroup.

SHARON, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Art Simms of Akron, who knocked out Solly Stroup before the Nonpareil Athletic club of South Sharon last Tuesday night, injured his hand so seriously when he delivered his left hook on Stroup's jaw in the last round that he yesterday went to Youngstown to consult Bonesetter Reese. It was found that a bone had been displaced and the ligaments injured. The injury was attended and Simms will be ready to enter the ring within a few days.

The next fight to be given by the club will take place in January and Manager Skirboll is trying to make a match between two good men. An effort will be made to get Philadelphia Tommy Ryan to go on for 12 rounds with some first-class man. Supples of Buffalo may also have a chance to appear here.

YALE HOCKEY TEAM WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEK

Garden Management Planning Pursuit Race Between Sinnirud and Dorlan. Hasley to Compete in East.

On account of the Pittsburgh hockey team being on its first western trip there will be no evening games at Duquesne garden this week. Capt. Spittal and his bunch of players left for Chicago yesterday and will arrive in Calumet, the first stand, this morning.

Six games will be played on the trip, the first being tomorrow night. Hod Stuart's fast bunch at Calumet, who are tipped as the pennant winners, will be the first opposing team. As Calumet beat Portage Lake Friday night, Pittsburgh will have to go fast and hard to score goals. If the Pittsburghers take one of the two games in Calumet they will be lucky.

Leaving Calumet Tuesday night after their second game the Pittsburghers will go to Houghton for one game Thursday, thence to the American Soo for a bout Saturday night and from there to the Canadian Soo for two games on the 26th and 27th. They will arrive home about Thursday week and will play three games with Calumet at the garden January 6, 7 and 9.

The Yale team with Rex Flinn as captain will be here Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. Manager A. S. McSwigan of the garden yesterday expected to have a definite reply from Cornell as to whether the Ithaca men are coming. If they fail to come Yale will go against Toronto university or local teams. The Interscholastics will get one game.

The garden management yesterday received a telegram regarding the proposed pursuit race between Sinnirud and Dorlan of New York against Baptie and Davidson of Winnipeg. It is possible the big race which will be a world's record event will be decided during February. The garden schedule for that month give the week of the 13th to racing. A big international meeting similar to the one held last winter will probably be arranged.

Clarence C. Preston, the well-known local skater, has had several talks with the New York and Brooklyn men, all of whom are anxious to come to Pittsburgh again. They are now getting ready for the annual outdoor meeting at Verona Lake in which Pittsburgh will be represented by Will Hasley, who holds the local Western Pennsylvania championship.

ETNA TEAMS OPEN HALL WITH TWO FINE VICTORIES

In its opening game last night in the Sharpsburg town hall the Etna A. C. defeated the Columbia Council A. C. 22 to 17. In the preliminary game the Sharpsburg Independents won from the Etna Eagles 5 to 5. Lineup:

Etna A. C.—22.		Columbia—17.
Crisswell	Forward	A. Fisher
Elling	Forward	Moses
Elsengart	Center	Raphael
Gift	Guard	M. Fisher
Zumpft	Guard	Leff

Field goals—Criswell 4, Alperman 3, Gift 2, Elling, M. Fisher 3, Raphael 2, Moses. Foul goals—Criswell 2, M. Fisher 5. Substitution—Alperman for Zumpft. Referee—Jones.

Preliminary game:

Independents—15.		Eagles—5.
Neff	Forward	Wahl
Riddle	Forward	Ross
Vichtar	Center	Frape
Dunn	Guard	Seidle
Elling	Guard	Taylor

Field goals—Riddle 3, Vichtar 2, Dunn, Elling, Ross, Frape. Foul goals—Riddle, Frape. Referee—Criswell.

Has Beens Are Bumped.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—In the second game of the season last night the Olympians defeated the Has Beens, in the Association league, 41 to 9.

GENERAL AMATEUR SPORTS.

The Nationals of Allegheny will meet Monday evening at 1207 Sandusky street, Allegheny, and the following members are to report: White, Schrible, Bailey, McKee, Dyke, Apples, E. Love, Bumbach, J. Love, Brehm, Kelly, Douglass and Slocum Miller.

Tomorrow evening the Nationals and Irvings of the Duquesne Amateur league will meet in their second game. Two new faces will be seen on the Irving team, Duffy at cover point in place of Smith, who has returned to his home in Toronto, Canada, and Thomas of last year's Crescents, who will replace "Eph" Robinson, now on the Wilkinsburg High school seven.

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PIRATE TRADES PUZZLED FANS

Manager Clarke's Moves Cause a General Shaking Up and Many New Faces Will Be Seen.

HONORS FOR PATSY FLAHERTY

That was quite a tearing up that Manager Fred Clarke gave the Pirates during the past week, but it was one that the readers of this column had a right to look for as the moves were anticipated more than a month ago. At that time it was stated that the changes would be at first base, short stop and in right field, but the manager has gone that one better by making a shift in utility players.

The moves made by the Pirates leader at the league meeting have kept the local lovers of the game on the guess and the shifts have come in for much discussion, some favorable and some otherwise. Those who are in close touch with the club policy assert that the moves made are wise ones and that the team next season will be all the better for the infusion of new blood, as the old players had about reached their limit and were moving along in a ruck from which they could not extricate themselves. This seemed to effect some of the other players and a change was decided on long before last season was over.

Change of Catchers a Wise Move.

The first trade made was that of Catcher Eddie Phelps for Heine Peitz of the Reds and from all points the trade looks like a good one for the Pirates. Phelps during his first season here gave some evidence of becoming a star in his position, but that blow he got on the temple last season with a pitched ball took all the life out of him and when he recovered and got back into the game he was an entirely different player. He seemed afraid of the ball and his catching was headless. In Peitz the Pirates secure a catcher who will be a great help to Clarke in developing young pitchers and for no other reason will prove a better man that Phelps. Peitz, while a bit big, and therefore slow on bases, is still a good catcher and what is more is a timely hitter and can play any of the infield positions in an acceptable manner.

Another place where Peitz will be of value is in the coaching during the games. This is one place where the Pirates needed help because outside of Manager Clarke there was not a player on the team who cared to go out in the coachers' box and let his voice be heard. It is a fact that during many of the games last season the spectators would yell at the player sent out to open up and let his voice be heard. Every baseball patron knows that Peitz has a voice and is not afraid to use it as he has shown on his trips here with the Reds.

Had the Fans Guessing.

The second deal by which the Pirates give to the Philadelphia club, three players, Bransfield, Kruger and McCormick is the one that puzzles the fans, but it should not. To start out with it was well known that it was the intention to ge rid of both Bransfield and Kruger even if they had to be released outright. As to McCormick he never did come up to Clarke's idea of an outfielder. Clarke first attempted to make a deal with the Boston club for Fred Tenney, and failing in this he turned to Philadelphia, a team that needed help, and made the deal there, getting in return Outfielder Howard, whose minor league record is first-class and who is touted as a coming star by such well-known judges as Billy Hallman, Jimmy Ryan and Hughey Duffy.

It also turns out that besides Howard the Pittsburgh club will get another player from the Quakers whose name is being kept secret for the present. These changes mean a general shaking up in the team, and that is what the patrons will like as they get tired of the same faces year after year. It also means practically a new infield for the team as the intention is to try out McBride at short and Wagner on first base, and in case this does not work to the satisfaction of the manager a shift can be made and Clancey placed on first, he being a clever first baseman as well as a good outfielder. He is as big a man as Bransfield, but more active and with a better batting record.

Flaherty Picked for Leading Pitcher.

If Anna Eva Fay can be believed then Patsy Flaherty, the little left hander from Carnegie, is going to be the Pirates' leading pitcher next season. On Thursday night a well-known local baseball follower attended the Fay performance and among other spectators was Flaherty, who the follower of the game met for the first time. The baseball crank wanted to test the ability of Miss Fay and the presence of Flaherty suggested his line of thought.

The local follower wrote on a card what he wanted to know and that was who would be the leading pitcher for the Pittsburgh team next season. It was some time before the mind of the reading expert reached this particular card and when she did she at ance answered without the least hesitation that the Pirates' leading pitcher for the coming season would be a young man named Flaherty and that he resided in the vicinity of this city. When the card was read out Flaherty, who is very modest, sought safety in flight, but there were a few ball cranks among the spectators who had recognized him and gave him a cheer.

Flaherty, by the way, has not yet made up his mind relative to that offer to coach the players of the Beloit college. If he decides to accept he will take up his duties shortly after the first of the year and the one stipulation will be that he will not be required to do any active baseball work on the team. The little pitcher felt that he needed a good rest in order to be in the best of shape for next season, and he is not going to break the program he mapped out for himself at the close of last season. He wants next year to be his banner season and will work hard to that end.

JAMES W. NELLIS.

LIBRARY AND SILVER LAKE EACH SHOOT ONE GOAL

The Library team of the Duquesne Amateur Hockey league at Silver lake yesterday played the Silver Lake seven to a standstill. The game was fast and interesting, but at times was rather rough. The first half ended without any score, but both sides netted one in the second, Library being first to cage the rubber, Tierney scoring on a pass from Myers. Silver Lake got its score later when Stevens shot. An extra 10 minutes was played, but neither side scored. Lineup:

Library—1.		Silver Lake—1.
Monteverde	Goal	Duff
Lowe	Point	Mullen
Meyer	Cover Point	McClaren
Searle	Forward	Stevens
Tierney	Left Wing	Cotter
Rutledge	Right Wing	De Coursey
Myers	Center	Gamble

Referee—Irwin. Goals—Tierney 1, Stevens 1. Time of halves—25 minutes and 10 minutes extra.

Fairbanks Beat Standards.

The Fairbanks defeated the Standard five 23 to 12. Line-up:

Fairbanks—23.		Standards—12.
Gordon	Forward	Pesic
Fincke	Forward	Hagmeir
Miller	Center	Jones
Schmidt	Guard	J. Hoffman
Lang	Guard	Groves

Goals from field—Gordon 4, Miller 3, Fincke 2, Pesic 3, Hagmeir. Goals from foul—Jones 4, Fincke 4, Gordon. Substitution—Hoffman for Long. Referees—MacMahon and Bertges.

Freedom to Play Manchester.

The Manchester basketball team will tackle one of the toughest propositions which it has been up against this season tomorrow night in Raleigh hall. The proposition is Capt. Joe Thompson's husky bunch of Freedom players. Three of the players were together on the Geneva college five, Thompson, Edgar and George. Patterson, who was also a member of the Geneva college team, will line up against his old comrades tomorrow night, as he has been enlisted under the orange and black of Manchester since the beginning of the present season. Cashdollar, the star guard of last year's Allegheny Lyceum team, will be in the game against the Lower Allegheny team.

Testimonial for Giants' Owner.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 17.—It was announced today that John T. Brush of the New York club of the National Baseball league, is to receive an embossed testimonial from the National Association of Minor leagues for his efforts toward having the draft prices of minor league players increased.

WINGS ARE NEEDED BY PITTSBURGH

Hockey Team Much Get Two More Stars Before It Will Be Championship Contender.

SOME LIVE BASEBALL GOSSIP

The Pittsburgh hockey team has been tried, and while it has displayed a certain amount of cleverness, it lacks essentials that must be possessed before the championship bee will buzz around the locals' banner in the international championship race.

It was apparent in the Houghton series that Pittsburgh needs two wing men, who not only are fast and heady, but shooters as well. Without these the locals will flounder along while the teams in the west will be forging ahead in the campaign for hockey honors.

Black, the man who came here from Canada with a big reputation, has not as yet shown championship form.

It looks as though baseball players are not the only artists that endeavor to cover up their shortcomings in competition by laying the blame on the officials. Those who attended the games with Portage Lake were disgusted with the actions of the players toward Referee Schooley.

It was evident that neither team was in the best physical condition, and the players frequently were winded or in need of rest. They took advantage of chances to wrangle over technicalities and rulings, which kept back the game and caused delays of three to 10 minutes.

Pittsburgh claimed Schooley was giving it the worst of the rulings, when it is a fact that he was trying to be on the level in his decisions. If anything Pittsburgh got the shade, consequently the Portage Lake players were not slow in registering their kicks. For the third game Jack was substituted, and he got along with but few kicks.

Referees Are Competent.

Schooley is a good referee; the league is not too fast for him, and Jack, too, appears to be competent, but the teams would do better by attending to their knitting and less jawing at the official.

The rules that govern the teams on the ice are partly to blame for the many kicks and delays. The players are allowed five minutes off for injuries and accidents to skates and such like. They take advantage of them and the game is delayed. It would be infinitely better for the captain to put in a substitute when an accident occurs and thus keep the game going. Too many delays take the edge off the game.

If the Yale and Cornell hockey teams come to Pittsburgh this season, Cornell taking the place of Princeton, the All Interscholastics will meet the former and probably the latter. A game with either varsity would be of interest.

Rex Flinn, captain of the Yale seven, is a former Shadyside player and Syl. Preston, the Cornell captain, formerly played on the Pittsburgh High school and Shadyside teams.

In these games the collegians have lots on the local school boys in age, weight and experience, but nevertheless the games will be interesting and hard fought. Yale beat the Interscholastics the last time they met, 2 to 0, and last winter Princeton won 3 to 1.

The signing of Shaughnessy, the Notre Dame star football and baseball player, by the American league for the Washington club, has caused lots of unfavorable comment in the west in college circles.

There was a suspicion last fall that Shaughnessy was a professional baseball player. He played in the K. I. T. league last summer under the name of "Shannon." Notre Dame is blamed for harboring professional athletes. This institution has turned out many baseball players who got into fast company. They are in both the big leagues and the minors as well.

Notre Dame missed a crack pitcher a few years ago in Lew Moren, who was sent there by his father, Capt. John Moren, for an education. Lew, however, did not like the place, and when his father, who happened to be in Louisville on business, called up Notre Dame on the long distance telephone to find out how the youngster was getting along, he was informed that he (Lew) would rather be at home.

This was the fourth day Lew was there. Capt. Moren gave his son orders to stay, but a few days later the family was surprised to see young Lew walk in the house and stay there. Notre Dame missed one of the best young pitchers in the land in the Duquesne Heights boy.

Soffel's Stay at Penn.

The University of Pennsylvania a few years ago lost Herman Soffel, who is regarded as the best second baseman on local amateur or semi-professional diamonds. Walter Orbin was captain of U. of P. at the time, and as Soffel was about to take up the study of law, prevailed upon him to study at Penn.

Soffel matriculated and got located, but one night bought a ticket home and entered W. U. P., where he is now studying. Orbin wanted Soffel for third base, knowing that in him Penn would have a star in the college world.

The Tri-State league made a good move in taking in the Johnstown club. The flood city last summer supported the team well and the club owners at the close of the campaign were ahead of the game. Pittsburgh teams that visited Johnstown made money, and for this reason partly it will be missed, as the coming season it will be playing league games only, unless there are provisions made for exhibition contests.

The Tri-State refused to allow President Cremer to resign from his office. Cremer has done much in placing the league on its firm basis and making it a power in the baseball world.

RICHARD R. GUY.

PAYING FOOTBALL BET.

Detroit Man Starts Out to Fulfil a Queer Wager.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—On a wager over the outcome of the recent football game between Chicago and Michigan at Ann Arbor, A. D. Duck, a civil engineer of Detroit, started today on a tramp from St. Louis to New Orleans. Six men in the office where Duck is employed in Detroit are working over time to do his work and are drawing his salary.

If he succeeds in carying out the provisions of the wager he is to receive his full salary for the time he is away. If he completes the walk in 90 days he will receive double pay.

PLAYERS ARE SIGNING.

New York and Cincinnati Members Are Jumping Into Line.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—President Pulliam, of the National baseball league, announces the following contracts for next year: With New York, Samuel B. Mertes and George Browne; with Cincinnati, Joseph T. Kelly, Frank G. Hahn, W. A. Kellum, E. J. Minahan, Bert Farrell, Henry C. Peitz, Charles E. Street, Miller J. Huggins, Fred W. Odwell, Al. H. Birdwell, H. Dolan, Charles W. Harper, Thomas W. Walker, Charles W. Chech, Arthur Hoelskeeter, James Feeney, George H. Schlei, C. D. Blankeshap, Harry Steinfeldt, J. B. Saymour, James D. Sebring and T. W. Corcoran.

MURPHY WANTS A FIGHT.

New York Featherweights Will Battle for a Large Amount.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Now is the chance for the score of challengers of Tommy Murphy, New York's best featherweight fighter and claimant of the title at the proper weight. There is a certified check for $1,000 posted backing Murphy against any boy or man in the world at 120 pounds, ringside.

The amount is to go as first deposit for a side bet of $2,500 on the result of a contest. It will be first come, first served; a second rate man before a first-class, if he is first to show with his money.

Allegheny Has Games Ahead.

The Allegheny High school team which defeated the South Side High school team so decisively Friday afternoon, will play two games this week. Tuesday afternoon it will play the East Liberty academy team at East Liberty, and on Friday evening the Braddock High school at Allegheny. Allegheny is fast filling up its schedule, and would like to hear from all school teams for January 3, 17 and 23 for games away from home, and January 6 and 27 for games at Allegheny. Address, Manager Allegheny H. S. Basketball Team, Allegheny.

Notice to "Spook" Lytle.

"Spook" Lytle is to be at this office tonight at 9 o'clock.

WILKINSBURG HIGH SCHOOL TEAM OF INTERSCHOLASTIC HOCKEY LEAGUE

Back row—E. Robinson, Thornhurst, Haven, Geider. Front row—Orton, Fleeger (Captain), Bunton.

CHICAGO LEADS THE AMERICAN

Comiskey's Team Showed the Best Fielding—Chesbro Is the Leading Pitcher.

THE OFFICIAL FIGURES GIVEN

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The American league fielding averages were given out today. The leader of the clubs is Chicago, with .965.

The leaders in the different positions are: First baseman, Lachance, Boston, .991; second baseman, Robinson, Detroit, .901; third baseman, Tannehill, Chicago, .940; shortstop, Conroy, New York, .958; catcher, Sugden, St. Louis, .990; outfielder, Robinson, Detroit, 1.000; pitcher, Joss, Cleveland, .985; pitcher (won and lost), Chesbro, New York, .774.

CLUB FIELDING.

	G.	P. O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Chicago	156	4135	2165	230	.965
Boston	157	4221	2035	252	.961
St. Louis	156	4191	2186	260	.961
New York	155	4137	2086	262	.961
Detroit	162	4252	2151	266	.960
Cleveland	154	4086	1960	255	.959
Philadelphia	155	4086	1850	261	.958
Washington	157	4075	2051	314	.951

FIRST BASEMEN.

	Games.	Pct.
LaChance, Boston	157	.991
Jones, St. Louis	136	.988
Isbell, Chicago	64	.988
Ganzel, New York	118	.987
Sugden, St. Louis	24	.986
Schwartz, Cleveland	23	.984
Davis, Philadelphia	102	.983
Anderson, New York	32	.983
Clarke, Washington	28	.981
Carr, Cleveland	123	.980
Stovall, Cleveland	38	.980
Mullen, Philadelphia	26	.980
Donahue, Chicago	102	.979
Stahl, Washington	118	.978
Hickman, Detroit	80	.969
Beville, Detroit	27	.961

SECOND BASEMEN.

	Games.	Pct.
Robinson, Detroit	17	.991
Jones, St. Louis	17	.974
Mullen, Philadelphia	33	.966
Ferris, Boston	156	.964
Lowe, Detroit	140	.964
Padden, St. Louis	132	.959
Lajoie, Cleveland	90	.958
Williams, New York	148	.957
Dundon, Chicago	105	.952
Hickman, Detroit	45	.947
McCormick, Washington	112	.945
Isbell, Chicago	27	.942
Murphy, Philadelphia	149	.938
Callahan, Chicago	28	.927
Nill, Washington	15	.880
Noonan, Philadelphia	22	.982
Beville, Detroit	25	.961
Abbott, Cleveland	33	.953
Bemis, Cleveland	81	.949
Drill, Washington	77	.945

SHORT STOPS.

	Games.	Pct.
Conroy, New York	24	.958
Wallace, St. Louis	139	.955
Cassidy, Washington	78	.947
Turner, Cleveland	111	.945
Robinson, Detroit	30	.942
M. Cross, Philadelphia	158	.939
Davis, Chicago	152	.936
O'Leary, Detroit	135	.933
Gleason, St. Louis	20	.932
Elberfeld, New York	122	.932
Lajoie, Cleveland	41	.931
Parent, Boston	155	.924
Moran, St. Louis	61	.915

THIRD BASEMEN.

	Games.	Pct.
Tannehill, Chicago	153	.948
Bradley, Cleveland	154	.948
Greminger, Detroit	82	.946
Collins, Boston	156	.945
Conroy, New York	114	.945
Coughlin, Detroit	119	.938
Moran, St. Louis	81	.937
L. Cross, Philadelphia	155	.931
Gleason, St. Louis	20	.928
Osteen, New York	15	.897
Robinson, Detroit	26	.892
Cassidy, Washington	23	.875
Hill, Washington	135	.860
Thoney, New York	24	.819

OUTFIELDERS.

	Games.	Pct.
Robinson, Detroit	18	1000
Vinson, Cleveland	15	1000
Bay, Cleveland	132	.980
Seybold, Philadelphia	129	.985
Barrett, Detroit	162	.979
Fultz, New York	90	.976
Jones, Chicago	150	.974
Green, Chicago	146	.972
Callahan, Chicago	103	.971
Crawford, Detroit	150	.969
Stahl, Boston	157	.967
Holmes, Chicago	62	.967
Heidrick, St. Louis	133	.967
Lush, Cleveland	138	.965
McIntyre, Detroit	152	.964
Donovan, Washington	122	.962
Flick, Cleveland	145	.961
Anderson, New York	110	.961
Huelsman, Washington	108	.960
Seibach, Boston	146	.954
Cassidy, Washington	51	.954

CATCHERS.

	Games.	Pct.
Sugden, St. Louis	79	.990
Criger, Boston	95	.987
Kittredge, Washington	79	.987
Schreck, Philadelphia	85	.981
Clarke, Washington	52	.981
McFarland, Chicago	49	.979
Kleinow, New York	60	.977
Wood, Detroit	47	.977
Buelow, Cleveland	84	.975
McGuire, New York	97	.972
Sullivan, Chicago	107	.970
Kahoe, St. Louis	71	.968
Powers, Philadelphia	56	.968
Farrell, Boston	56	.967
Hartsel, Philadelphia	147	.951
Burkett, St. Louis	147	.950
Keeler, New York	143	.948
Pickering, Philadelphia	120	.946
Bruce, Philadelphia	25	.938
Hemphill, St. Louis	114	.927
Hoffman, Philadelphia	51	.926
Freeman, Boston	157	.925
Stahl, Washington	23	.924
Rossman, Cleveland	18	.923
Dougherty, New York	155	.919
Hynes, St. Louis	63	.913
Thoney, New York	28	.936
O'Neil, Washington	112	.872
Orth, New York	21	.854

PITCHERS WON AND LOST.

	W.	L.	T. O.	Tie.	Pct.
Chesbro, New York	41	12	0	1	.774
Winters, Boston	8	4	3	1	.667
Walsh, Chicago	6	3	1	0	.667
Tannehill, Boston	21	11	0	1	.656
Smith, Chicago	16	9	0	0	.640
Bernhard, Cleveland	29	13	0	2	.639
Dineen, Boston	23	14	0	0	.622
Young, Boston	26	16	0	0	.619
Orth, New York	14	9	2	0	.609
Plank, Philadelphia	26	17	0	0	.605
Owen, Chicago	21	15	0	0	.583
Joss, Cleveland	14	10	1	0	.583
Griffith, New York	7	5	1	0	.583
Altrock, Chicago	19	14	3	0	.576
Donahue, Cleveland	19	14	1	0	.576
White, Chicago	16	12	1	1	.571
Waddell, Philadelp'a	25	19	2	0	.568
Powell, New York	23	19	1	3	.548
Gibson, Boston	17	14	0	1	.548
Hess, Cleveland	8	7	1	1	.533
Glade, St. Louis	18	16	1	0	.529
Rhoades, Cleveland	10	9	0	0	.526
Moore, Cleveland	12	11	2	0	.522
Donovan, Detroit	16	16	2	0	.500
Patterson, Chicago	9	9	0	0	.500
Bender, Philadelphia	10	11	0	1	.476
Pelty, St. Louis	15	17	3	1	.469
Henley, Philadelphia	15	17	0	2	.469
Killian, Detroit	15	20	0	3	.429
Mullin, Detroit	17	23	0	5	.415
Kitson, Detroit	9	13	3	0	.409
Seiver, St. Louis	9	14	1	0	.391
Howell, St. Louis	13	21	0	0	.382
Patten, Washington	14	24	0	3	.368
Clarkson, New York	1	2	2	0	.333
Suthoff, St. Louis	8	17	0	2	.320
Humphrey, Wash'ton	10	23	1	0	.330
Wolfe, Washington	6	14	1	0	.300
Stovall, Detroit	3	12	2	1	.200
Dunkle, Washington	2	9	0	0	.182
Jacobson, Washi'g't'n	5	23	3	1	.179
Townsend, Wash't'n	5	26	1	2	.161

PRINCETON SEVEN LOSES TO THE HOCKEY CLUB

The New Yorkers Display Unexpected Strength and Wallop the Tigers by 12 to 2.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Displaying unexpected strength and playing hockey of a superior character, the members of the Hockey club of New York disposed of the Princeton Tigers in a game at the St. Nicholas rink tonight, 12 to 2.

No small share of the success of the Hockey Club team was due to the fast work of Ellison at goal and the clever combination plays of the forwards. Of the forwards, Russell and Rupert Howard, a Canadian player, did unusually clever work. These two players were in the thickest of all scrimmages and active at all times while the rubber was in action. Howard's stick work and passing was probably the best yet seen at the St. Nicholas rink. Russell was the chief point-maker for his team, scoring nine of the twelve goals credited to his side. Howard assisted Russell in the making of several of the points and made three goals himself. The line-up:

Hockey Club—12.		Princeton—2.
Ellison	Goal	Chislett
De Casanova	Point	Rafferty
Mackenzie	Cover Point	Zahniser
R. Howard	Forward	Chew
Russell	Forward	Winters
Bryant	Forward	Holland
Phillips	Forward	Leake

Referee—Max Hornfeck, Wanderers Hockey club.

Central Five Is Outplayed.

The St. John's Lyceum first team defeated the Central five in a well-played game last night 32 to 10. Mooney and Dullard played fast ball for Lyceum, while Lynch put up a star game for the visitors. Lineup:

St. John Lyceum—32.		Central—10.
Dullard	R. F.	Lynch
Albecker	L. F.	Birkhimer
Euler	Center	Evans
Sullivan	L. G.	Fay
Mooney	R. G.	Small

Field goals—Mooney 4, Dullard 6, Euler 2, Sullivan 2, Albecker, Lynch, Evans, Fay. Goals from foul—Dullard 2, Lynch 4. Referee—McAllister. Time—20-minute halves.

Foster Juniors Win Game.

The Friendship five lost to the Foster Juniors last night on the Foster floor, 24 to 19. Lineup:

Foster Juniors—24.		Friendship—19.
Garrigan	Forward	Guindell
G. McGee	Forward	W. Irwin
Beane	Center	Henderson
Smith	Guard	G. Irwin
Hickler	Guard	Jenkinson

Field goals—W. Irwin 2, Henderson 6, G. Irwin 1, Beane 5, Garrigan 3, McGee 2, Smith 1. Foul goals—W. Irwin 1, Garrigan 2. Referee—Anderson. Time—20-minute halves.

Newman Defeated Armory.

In a one-sided game on Newman floor last night the Armory was beaten by the Newmans, 53 to 10. Lineup:

Newman—53.		Armory—10.
Gallagher	R.F.	Moore
Crowley	L.F.	Freese
Poole	C.	Gibson-Sumerville
Cotter	R.G.	Mook
Stonerod	L.G.	Layman

Field goals—Gallagher, 7; Crowley, 5; Poole, 1; Cotter, 4; Stonerod, 5; Moore, 2; Sumerville, 1. Foul goals—Stonerod, 9; Moore, 4. Time of halves—20 minutes. Referee—Alton.

Manchester Loses to East Liverpool.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Manchester was defeated by East Liverpool tonight 42 to 29. Lineup:

East Liverpool—42.		Manchester—29.
Allison	Forward	Yeager
Bloor	Forward	Koch
Powell	Center	Stehle, Metzkes
Chadwick	Guard	Graham
Watkin	Guard	Burry

Goals—Powell 6, Chadwick 5, Watkin 5, Koch 5, Yeager, Stehle. Fouls—Allison 10, Graham 15. Referees—Little and Zang.

General Amateur Sports.

The L. and J. basketball team of the South Side will organize a baseball team for next season. The team will be composed of some of the basketball players, including Gomer Evans, Gomer Jenkins, Presser, David Griffiths and Owens, who is captain. Arthur Jones is manager.

The "Greenfield Juniors" would like to arrange games with all 11 to 12-year-old hockey teams. Roney, Hessen, Pringle, Scheadle, Grounds, Welsh, Kerr and Morgan compose the team. Address Harold E. Roney, 817 Greenfield avenue, city.

KING AND QUEEN OF TURF TO BATTLE FOR HONORS

Lou Dillon and Major Delmar Will Contest in Number of Races to Settle Supremacy.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Although Lou Dillon and Major Delmar, two of the fastest trotters in the world, are owned by C. K. G. Billings, the disputes as to the relative speed merits of the two trotting champions will be settled to the satisfaction of the interested horsemen next spring.

The rival champions will be prepared for a series of races, which will take place over the Cleveland track. The mare will receive her early training in California by the veteran reinsman, Budd Doble, while the gelding, which is now wintering at Cleveland, will be under the personal charge of Doc Tanner.

It is Mr. Billings' desire to settle the controversy in a friendly way, having selected himself and Henry Devereaux, president of the Cleveland Gentlemen's Driving club, as the contending drivers. Each will alternate behind the horses every Saturday until the question of supremacy is settled.

Lou Dillon and Major Delmar have already met twice in competition, and each has won a race. On neither occasion, however, were both horses considered to be in their best form. In the first race Major Delmar was not believed to be at his best, and he was easily beaten. A year later Major Delmar turned the tables on the mare, winning in two straight heats, but it was claimed that Lou Dillon was a sick horse and not capable of doing herself justice.

"OLD BOYS" OF INDIANA BEATEN BY SOUTH SIDE

Present Champions Take Game from Erstwhile Holders of Title in a Lively Game, 35 to 16.

The "Old Boys" of Indiana, former champions, met the South Side champions at Odd Fellows' hall last night and were defeated 35 to 16, after a spirited contest. Indiana has a fine bunch of athletes and South Side had to hustle to win. For quite a while the game was nip and tuck and South Side did not draw very far away until near the end of the first half, when Nickel scored three field goals.

The game abounded in fast work. The long shots of Nickel and McGregor were fine. The dribbling of Liebau, East and Weitzel also created some lively rooting. Line-up:

South Side—35.		Indiana—16.
Liebau	R.F.	B. McCreight
Leithead	L.F.	Morehead
Nickel	C.	St. Clair
Seibel	R.G.	C. McCreight
East	L.G.	McGregor

Field goals—Liebau, 2; Nickel, 7; Seibel, 2; Leithead, Campbell, East, Windeknecht, B. McCreight, 3; Morehead, McGregor. Foul goals—Liebau, 7; C. McCreight, 6. Substitutions—Campbell for Leithead; Weitzel for Nickel; Windeknecht for East; McKellip for St. Clair; Prothero for Morehead. Referee—R. L. Kelly.

TWENTY BALLOTS TAKEN; NO MANAGER CHOSEN

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Another attempt was made today to elect a manager for the Washington and Jefferson football team for 1905. After 20 ballots had been taken the deadlock still prevailed and an adjournment of the athletic committee was taken until Monday evening. Alexander Reed, the Washington boy, who was tied with Harold Kennedy of Uniontown, gained slightly today. The final vote was: Reed, 7; Kennedy, 5. There are 12 members on the committee and it requires nine to elect. It is believed that one of the candidates will withdraw before Monday.

Game in Church League.

The United Presbyterian five of the Sharpsburg Church league defeated the Lutheran team last night at the Sharpsburg Y. M. C. A. 26 to 13. Lineup:

United Presbyterian—26.		Lutherans—13.
Smith	Forward	Vaught
Evans	Forward	Sweeney
Dowler	Center	Brown
Crawford	Guard	Meyers
Beach	Guard	Stiltz

Field goals—Evans 9, Dowler 2, Crawford, Vaught 2, Miller 2, Sweeney. Foul goals—Evans, Crawford, Brown, Miller. Substitutions—Sweeney for Stiltz, Miller for Sweeney. Referee—Short. Umpire—Cunningham.

Hiram Beats Buhl Club.

SHARON, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Hiram college five tonight beat the Buhl club, 32 to 18. Lineup:

Buhl—18.		Hiram College—32
DeFrance	Center	E. Clark
Riddle	Forward	Wilson
Locke	Forward	Phillips, Smith
Manning	Guard	Hurd
Kibbe	Guard	Clarke

Field goals—Wilson 7, E. Clark, C. Clarke 2, Smith 3, Locke 3, DeFrance 2, Riddle. Foul goals—Smith 5, Wilson, Manning 4, DeFrance. Referee—Nessel. Umpire—Lenle. Time of halves—20 minutes.

Cadets Five Badly Beaten.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Princeton basketball team defeated the Cadets here today 14 to 5. Princeton did her best work in the second half and the soldiers only got one point, the result of a foul giving them a try from field at goal. The lineup:

Princeton—14.		West Point—5.
Clark	C.	Thompkins
Ely	L.F.	Merchant
Kesler	R.F.	Elting
Vanderbilt	L.G.	Jones
Trome	R.G.	Herrick

Carrier Pigeons Will Race.

A carrier pigeon race from New York to this city for a purse of $25 is scheduled to take place next Sunday. The birds are from the lofts of C. Schultz and Monahan Bros.

FIGHTERS ARE FAST FRIENDS

Britt and Nelson Admire Each Other but That Will Not Cut Any Figure in the Ring.

EACH ONE IS CONFIDENT

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—A notable thing about the Britt-Nelson situation is the pride which each of the boxers feel in his physical strength. Nelson, to begin with, always did judge prospective opponents from the standpoint of avoirdupois. He has a standing objection to negroes as ring fellows, but the only stipulation he makes in regard to pale-face fighters is that they meet him at the weight he likes best.

His favorite mark is 130 pounds. He has stretched the limit a couple of pounds to accommodate Jimmy Britt and at either notch he believes there is no more effective human fighting machine in the world than himself. Champions and ex-champions—precocious novices and seasoned war horses are all one to Nelson.

"I don't care what they look like or what reputation they have so long as they make the weight," is the way "Bat" puts it. Nothing short of decisive defeat will convince Nelson that he isn't the original 132 pound package.

Similar feelings possess Britt. He said the other day that if fighting brought nothing to a man but the satisfaction of winning he would be willing to test his mettle in private with the best 132 pound man that could be produced.

Britt's Best Fighting Weight.

"I may be wrong, but I think I am the undisputed champion at that notch," said Jimmy. "I have fought above and below that figure and I have discovered that when Jimmy Britt scales 132 pounds, it is 132 pounds of fighting force."

Nelson in all his fights has shown himself to be a wiry fellow. Looking back it seems as though he never made a bad match so far as weight was concerned. Britt on the other hand has been all but caught napping. When he boxed Young Corbett at 130 pounds he was a scraggy looking sight. His hip bones were as sharp as plough shares and he was ribby and skinny of neck.

The difference in appearance between Britt at 132 pounds and Britt at 130 is so remarkable that it excites wonderment. At the latter figure the native son is a scarecrow. At the former he looks cobby in comparison and he is moreover as full of life and action as an egg is full of meat.

The explanation is simple and at the same time interesting. When Britt had to make 130 pounds there was ceaseless worry as to whether he would get to that notch. In order to be sure he went as low as 128 a day or so before the contest. The effort bared his ribs until they could be counted and made spindles of his legs. These evidences of attenuation were visible when he went into the ring and in addition there was the lack of vitality and the careworn expression that drastic methods of reducing had produced.

Nelson Has One Advantage.

Where fighting qualifications are as equal as they are considered to be in the case of Britt and Nelson many persons are wondering which particular talent will play the most important part in determining the result. The form students of the pugilistic game have about come to the conclusion that Nelson's one advantage over Britt is in being able to strike a harder blow and as they are equally ready to admit that Britt has a better defense than Nelson the argument swings back to the original contention—"It is a hard fight to pick." There never was a contest, probably, in which closer analysis of the attributes of two prospective opponents was made. So far as pluck, or fighting instinct, is concerned there was never an attempt to hold that either man was better equipped for trouble than the other. There have been discussions, however, as to which of the lightweights is the more likely to lose his head if the contest proves to be particularly furious and exciting.

The unfortunate mistake made by Britt in his affair with Gans is cited as evidence that the native son cannot always be depended upon in trying moments while those who take the Britt end of the argument say there is more danger of Nelson being penalized for butting Britt than there is of Britt fouling the Dane.

Not Likely to Be a Foul.

These are extreme views, of course, and they serve to show to what straits sports of opposite opinions are put to find something to split hairs about. So far as Britt's recent exhibition of fouling is concerned it may be said that there is not the bad blood between Britt and Nelson that there was between Britt and Gans and therefore less prospect of an unsportsmanlike happening.

Britt and Nelson profess the greatest admiration for each other and assert that the only issue between them is the outcome of healthy rivalry. There is little fear of any unchivalrous work when they clash and as each of them considers himself the equivalent of his weight in wildcats when battling at the 132 pound notch the sports are promised immunity from that time honored excuse, "I weakened myself making the weight."

W. W. NAUGHTON.

Bowling Series Is a Tie.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—In the fourth game between the Bankers and the Court House team in the Inter-league bowling series today, the former defeated their opponents by the margin of 93 pins. The two teams are now tied, each having won two games. Allison of the Bankers made the highest individual score, having a total of 509 pins, while Ulery of the Court House team made the highest individual score in one game, 243 pins.

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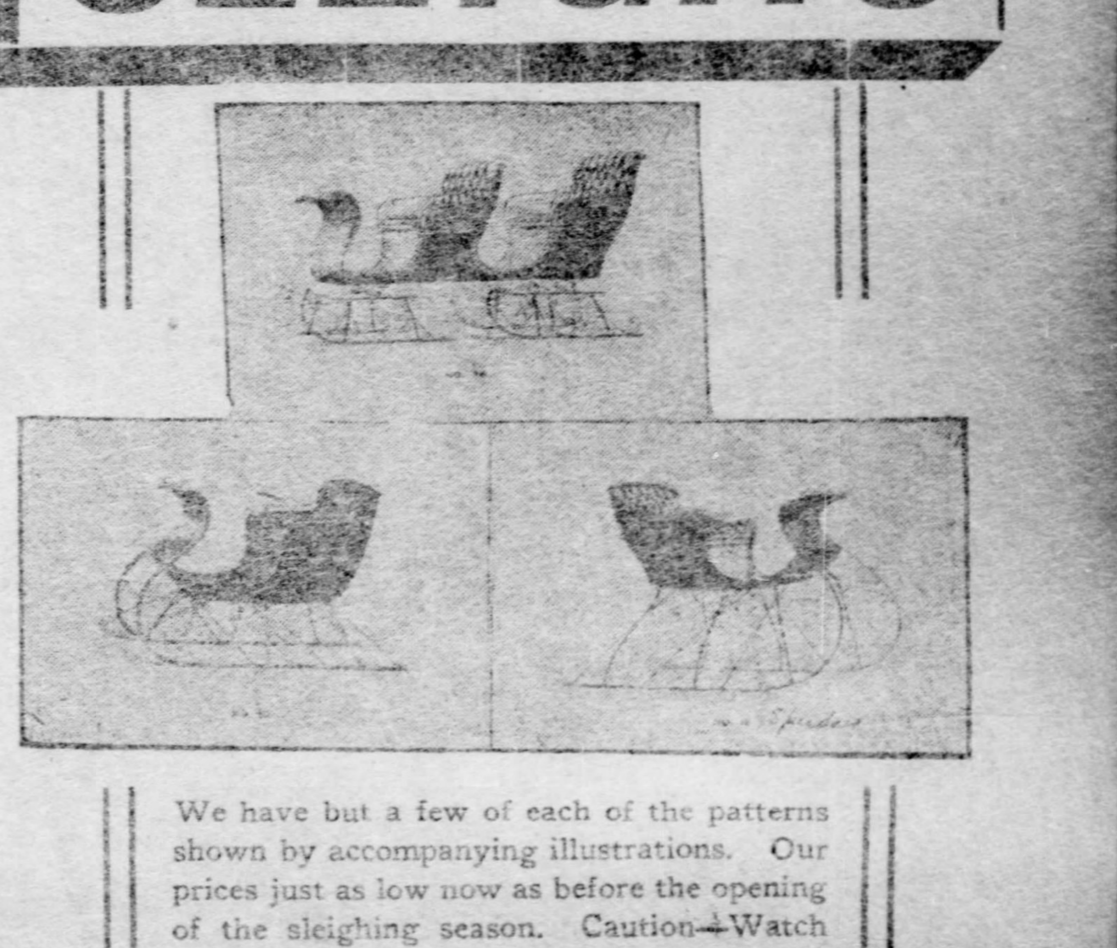

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TO STRIP TRACTS FOR DEEPER ORE

Many Mines Now Operated Underground Will Be Made Surface Producers.

STEEL COMPANY IS ACTIVE

(Special Correspondence to The Gazette.)

IRON MOUNTAIN, MICH., Dec. 17.—Stripping operations on the Mesaba range promise to be exceptionally active next season. It has been found feasible to strip properties at which the ore was heretofore considered to lie too deep for either steam shovel or milling operations, and much work of this nature is being planned in addition to the removal of the overburden at tracts which have yet to send out their first product. The Hull and Rust mines will, among others, it is said, be transformed from underground propositions. These are Steel corporation properties.

The company has had under consideration the question of stripping these tracts, and at one time bids were received from contractors, but no contract was awarded. Now it is expected the corporation will do the work itself. It has placed an order for seven switch engines, in connection with the recent purchase of eight steam shovels, and is evidently preparing for a vigorous campaign of development on its own account. Among other undertakings of the kind, the overburden is to be removed from the west side of the company's Mountain Iron mine.

At the Steel corporation's big Fayal mine ore is already being dumped on the stock docks at a rapid rate, and it is assured that there will be an immense stock on hand ready for shipment when navigation opens next spring. The contractors engaged on the stripping work at No. 3 shaft are employing three shovels and a force of 275 men.

The Pitt Iron company, which is the mining end of the La Belle Iron company of Steubenville, O., has, it has announced, decided to strip the Wacouta property, near Mountain Iron, next season. The overburden is about 30 feet, and is estimated to cover 7,000,000 gross tons of merchantable ore.

The work of exploring the old rolling mill property at Negaunee is in progress. Two diamond drills are being used. The machines, 300 feet apart, are stationed near the old pit, and have already attained a depth of some hundreds of feet. The depth of the pit is 200 feet. The results of the drilling have not been given out, but it is conceded by mining men familiar with the field that the tract is one of the most promising locations in the Negaunee basin.

The shaft house which had been in course of erection at the Steel corporation's Blue mine at Negaunee has been completed and ore is again being hoisted. The shaft house is one of the largest structures of the kind anywhere in the Lake Superior region.

Excellent progress is being made in reopening the old Kloman mine at Republic, recently acquired by the Flagler Iron and Steel company. The showing of ore revealed is fully up to expectations.

There are prospects that the Webb property, a few miles east of Hibbing, will enter the list of new purchases in 1905. The lease is held by W. P. Snyder and associates.

The Forest mine, also in the Hibbing district, operated by the Tesora Mining company of Virginia, Minn., will be put in condition for a much larger production next year.

An output of half a million tons is predicted for next season for the Leonard mine at Hibbing, controlled by Hanna & Co., of Cleveland.

M. F. Bradt, formerly superintendent of the Leonard mine near Chisholm, has temporarily severed his connection with the Lake Superior iron field to engage in rock salt mining at Detroit.

MAILS PLAYED STRANGE PRANK ON YOUNG PEOPLE

Note Sent to Girl Reaches Her Three Weeks After She Received the Envelope.

There is a young man in Pittsburgh busy trying to explain matters to his best girl, but so far she has refused to be convinced by his statements that because she received an empty envelope by way of Uncles Sam's mail route he is not at fault. Since his arguments failed to right matters he is severely condemning the postal service and threatens to lay the matter before the postoffice inspectors in the hope of having a convincing answer to give the girl the next time he calls.

The young man made an appointment with the girl about three weeks ago. The day before the date of his appointment he learned it would be necessary for him to go to Columbus, O., and he accordingly sent her a short note expressing his regret at being unable to keep his engagement with her. He carried it to the Pittsburgh postoffice and mailed it himself in order to be sure that she would receive it in the morning. Late that afternoon he learned it would be unnecessary for him to leave the city, but as he had broken his engagement he found a friend and the two went to a theater.

As he went through the main entrance of the theater he discovered the girl in the crowd, but made the best of the matter and waited for a more opportune time to explain his presence in the city. Later he learned from her that she had received an empty envelope and the postmark showed he had mailed it the evening before. Matters between them was at the point where the girl was satisfied that the young man had not told the truth. On Thursday of last week she was given a shock when she received the note written three weeks before. So far as they have been able to learn the note has been lying about in the East End sub-station. As the note bore nothing more than the young woman's first name, she and the writer are indulging in a guessing contest to solve the question of how the mail man knew to whom to deliver the note.

HAD NEVER MET HER.

Greek Railway Official Creates Embarrassing Situation for Westinghouse Representative.

To E. H. Heinrichs, who has for a number of years been at the head of the press department of the Westinghouse interests at Pittsburgh, falls the usually pleasant duty of entertaining for his company many of the visitors who come from all over the world to see the famous factories in the Turtle Creek valley. Mr. Heinrichs is nothing if not literary, and so when he was introduced to a distinguished Greek railroad official it was natural for him to make a reference to Lord Byron's famous poem, "Maid of Athens."

"I never met the lady," solemnly asserted the Greek official, and then there was a loud stillness.

KING GOES AMONG PEOPLE.

Spanish Ruler Visits Saloonkeeper and Hears an Opinion of Himself.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—(Copyright Cable.)—King Alfonso as a chauffeur has become emancipated from court restrictions and is acquiring new experiences in rubbing shoulders with plebeians. Driving in the Alcala the other day he dropped in at a saloonkeeper's, known as Tio Rogue. The latter welcomed the young unknown chauffeur heartily and patted his shoulders.

Talking politics straightaway, he told him he thought the young king would be the right kind of a fellow if he sent away his politicians and followed the advice of men like himself. The king laughed heartily, and without revealing his identity said he would follow the advice. The saloonkeeper, when told the name of his visitor, had nothing to retract.

Charles LaDow Drops Dead.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Charles LaDow, a well known inventor and manufacturer of agricultural implements, dropped dead on the street today. He was famous both for the large number of patents issued in his name by the United States patent office, being supposed here to hold the record in that respect, and for the number of patent litigations in which he has for many years been involved. He was about 66 years old.

THIS MAN HOPS ON HIS HEAD

Members of the human family have generally thought it prudent to leave walking head downwards to flies and other insects fitted for it by nature, but a young Dane named Baptiste has recently been astonishing the citizens of Berlin by proving that there is an exception even to this rule. It was not surprising, when Baptiste suddenly started to walk on his head from the corner of the Unter den Linden to the winter garden the other day, that a crowd collected to such an extent that the traffic was seriously interfered with. Whereupon a policeman politely tapped young Baptiste on the legs and suggested that it would be as well if he reversed his position. Baptist accompanied the officer to the police station, and there it transpired that he walked on his head to earn his living at the Winter Garden Variety theater. Some of the spectators at the theater had doubted the genuineness of his display, thinking that he must be assisted by some kind of stage mechanism. The feat is perfectly straightforward, however. Baptiste straps a small pad to the top of his head, then, standing on his hands, lets himself down on his head, when he proceeds to get over the ground by a series of short, jerky jumps. While in this position he is able to perform many of the acts of everyday life with apparent ease. His performances, not unnaturally, have produced abnormally developed muscles in his shoulders and neck.

THE POWER OF THE HUMAN MIND IS UNLIMITED

By PROF. EDGAR L. LARKIN.

Nothing is more certain than that our destiny is in our own hands. If so, our responsibility is enormous. We must walk alone. Man has never had a trace of aid; all he has, he secured from nature by hard work.

There is one difference only between the savage and the enlightened. One does not know a solitary law of nature, and the other knows many.

The strange part of it is—nature does not care whether we find out one of her laws or not. No trace of sympathy, solicitude or regard for man has so far been detected in the realm of nature. Thus, if the sun should explode and liberate heat from within sufficient to destroy every vestige of life on earth, nature would not even have a qualm of conscience. Or, if 100,000,000 worlds like the earth, all inhabited by human beings, should dissolve in fiery gas, nature would not know it, or, rather, miss them. This is like the war between Japan and China; many of the Chinese did not hear of it until peace had been declared.

The earth is so unutterably small that it seems to have been overlooked; that is, no information or help of any kind has ever been received from any external source. Our only hope, therefore, is within ourselves. We must be up and doing, for only a limited number of laws has been discovered so far.

Nature never gave a hint of the vast store of electricity waiting to be used; nor any idea how to use it. She gave us no inkling of the telegraph, telephone and dynamo. By weary toil alone man has secured what little he now calls his own.

But nature has given us almost limitless mental powers, and it behooves us to use them, and without delay.

Our destiny on earth is precisely as we make it. We can be high or low, and the moment it is generally known throughout the world that we can ascend to any height we wish and that we must elevate ourselves, then it seems reasonable to say that a scene of unparalleled activity will set in.

Instead of murdering one another, the entire surface of the earth will be remodelled. Swamps will be drained and filled, and the deserts obliterated. The cost of war would rebuild every city on earth on known hygenic plans. Diseases would vanish and poverty. For science can bring about a happy age, if murderers will permit. And they will give permission, for soon "honor" will be withdrawn from "killers," and then they will be ashamed and retire. The change is on now, for all thought of giving "honor" to Russian and Japanese murderers, is vanishing among the cultured and refined.

It is probably safe to say that three-fourths of the world's literature is now obselete. All metaphysics, speculation, philosophy, abstraction, superstition, myth, tradition and vagaries of nature are now so useless and senseless that they have no place in the new century. Books enough to cover a square mile are now fit only for making new paper. No up-to-date man now cares for anything unless it rests on a known law of nature. In the nature of the case, anything that has no foundation in natural law is useless.

It is highly significant that man in his rapid advance is rendering not merely books, but words obselete. A general revision of the dictionary is now due. All dead words ought to be taken out of the living and placed in an appendix, as curiosities of mental evolution. Of course, a few copies of each dead book ought to be saved for the same purpose. Rigid rock-hewn facts and demonstrated laws only are of the slightest use now. For a myth will not build an electric railway; nor inclination or any form of superstition climinate disease of body or mind.

Literary and linguistic debris is rapidly accumulating, and the bitter waters that have so long poured into modern times from ages of ignorance are being sweetened by nature's laws.

We should all bear in mind:

First—Man must work out his own destiny.

Second—This destiny can be exactly as he desires.

Third—Man has power to exterminate all disease of his body.

Fourth—And all diseases of his mind.

Fifth—Man has power to banish poverty.

Sixth—He has power to end war.

Seventh—And to banish hospitals, except for cases where accidents occur.

Eighth—He has power to banish crime by culture of mind.

Ninth—He can expand his mind so far beyond the present boundaries that comparison fails.

Hospitals, asylums for the insane, almshouses and prisons can be dispensed with. He can master nature by discovering all her laws. The question arises, will our great mathematicians be able to detect them all? For the future career of a man on earth is now in the clutch of mathematicians and electricians.

NEW THEATERS TO OPEN.

One London House, the Proprietors Declare, Will Be the Finest in the World.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Copyright Cable.)—Two new playhouses are to be opened in London next week. The first is the Coliseum, which it is asserted by the proprietors, will be the most magnificent place of entertainment in the world. It will be open practically from midday to midnight.

The other new theater to be inaugurated next week is the Scala, the opening ceremony of which will be performed by Lady Bancroft, as is peculiarly appropriate from the fact that the Scala occupies the same site as the old Prince of Wales, where Lady Bancroft, as Marie Wilton, acquired her great popularity as the leading burlesque actress of her day.

New Artillery for British Army.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The war office and the treasury have at last reached an agreement to provide funds for the rearrangement of the artillery. It is understood that War Secretary Arnold-Foster yesterday signed contracts which, with the guns to be built at Woolwich arsenal, will result in a supply of 130 batteries of field artillery and 30 batteries of horse artillery with new pattern guns within nine months.

Nobles Not Allowed to Participate.

TVER, RUSSIA, Dec. 17.—About 150 Liberal nobles have been debarred from participation in the zemstvo elections on technical grounds by the marshal of the nobility, together with seven others who belong to the reactionary party.

ON TO RICHMOND IN PEACE TIMES

Impressions One Gathers in a Journey to the Virginia Capital.

MEMORIES OF THE SAVANTS

(Special Correspondence to The Gazette.)

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C., Dec. 18.—From the icy streets, heavy fog, cold rain and driving storm of Pittsburgh, it is but 24 hours' ride to Southern Pines, in the heart of the sand hills of the old North State, where, while I write, this forty-second anniversary of the battle of Fredericksburg, the sun shines so warm that a man is comfortable in his shirt-sleeves. Places and people are all interesting to northern eyes which look for the first time on southern scenes.

In Washington city I met the oldest officer in the Capitol building, William A. Talioferro, whose first utterance was, "I saw the senate chamber baptised with the blood of Charles Sumner." He has been in the continuous service of the government since 1854, and talked interestingly of Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, Sam Houston, Tom Benton, so that their day seemed but yesterday, closing with the studied statement: "It is very questionable whether we have any such men in congress today."

Another interesting man is Senator Joseph R. Hawley, now 80 years of age. In 1867 I reported the great speeches of Edwin M. Stanton, John A. Bingham, John Sherman and Joseph R. Hawley for The Pittsburgh Gazette. Senator Hawley, to help me out on the big night-meeting, walked the floor back and forth in the old St. Charles hotel and dictated his address. In his address John Sherman lifted his finger and said in solemn tones: "As sure as the Democratic party ever gets into power it will saddle the whole rebel debt on the north." Prophesying is a dangerous business.

The Church and Slavery.

The third very interesting man I met in Washington city was another octogenarian, the Rev. Dr. David Wills, who was born and reared on the battle field of Gettysburg, but went south 50 years ago and entered the ministry of the Southern Presbyterian church. He wrote the famous utterance of that church: "It is the mission of the church to conserve the institution of slavery and make it a blessing to both master and slave," which was unanimously adopted in the Southern Presbyterian general assembly on May 12, 1864, the day the battle of Spotsylvania court house was fought. Of these words the Rev. Dr. Charles Hodge said: "No such utterance has been made since the resurrection of Christ."

Men may miss it as to the mission of the church as well as of political parties. It was a great treat to visit Richmond, where I had tried in vain to go 40 years ago with 300,000 other men. It was a historic route, over by Washington, Fredericksburg and Richmond railroad, through the town and battlefield of Fredericksburg. Strange sensations fill every old soldier who enters Richmond for the first time. It is a city "beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole south;" full of imposing old-time mansions.

Beautiful Richmond.

The top of the hill, with its park, capitol building, city hall, great hotels, governor's mansion, statues, broad streets, is up to the scenes in many an old world capital. The park is full of gray squirrels, playing constantly on the lawn, running up and down the splendid statues of Washington, Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and Hunter McGuire. The churches hold the finest sites in the center of the town and are nearly all of colonial architecture; great pillars in front, the height of the building.

The object of greatest interest is the Confederate museum, in the old Jefferson Davis mansion, with its 14 rooms, each set apart for the relics from every southern state. Oil paintings of southern heroes, guns, swords and flags, buttons, canteens and bits of tent, all imaginable kinds of relics, many made from Yankee bones, fill the shelves and walls. The museum is supported largely by the fees received from northern visitors.

Where Henry Spoke.

No man worthy the name of American breathes with a soul so dead that it is not thrilled when he stands on the spot in the old St. John church where Patrick Henry delivered his great speech before the Virginia house of deputies, and rose to the height of his oratory in "Give me liberty or give me death." The part of the church in which Henry spoke was built in 1735 and still stands, with old sounding board well pews.

It is always delightful to meet Rev. Dr. James P. Smith, grandson of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith, author of "Old Redstone," and son of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith, and a graduate of Jefferson college in the class of '57.

Dr. Smith was born on July 4, 1837, in New Athens, Ohio, but went south, and served as a captain and aide-de-camp on the bodyguard of Stonewall Jackson, his intimate friend for years. He was with Jackson when he fell mortally wounded at Chancellorsville, helped to carry him from the field, and heard his dying words, "Let us cross over the river and rest under the trees." Dr. Smith is the only survivor of Jackson's bodyguard.

S. S. GILSON.

Austrian Emperor Not Going.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—It is officially declared that there is no foundation for the statement made by the correspondent here of the Daily Mail, of London, that the emperor of Austria will visit Copenhagen next spring to take part in an international conference of monarchs on the subject of peace.

OLDEST MESSAGE IN EXISTENCE

Patent Attorney Connolly Owns Telegram Sent Over Wires in September, 1848.

RELATES TO WAR DEPARTMENT

While the art of philately has interested thousands of persons and the collecting of labels and stamps has been going on for years, but few persons have attempted to collect and retain for historic use old telegraphic messages, or those sent to noted persons since the telegraph has been in commercial use. A number of old and valuable messages, however, are in possession of several persons in the United States, among the number being A. A. Connolly, the Pittsburgh patent attorney, whose offices are in the German National bank building.

Mr. Connolly has what is generally considered the oldest telegram sent over a commercial wire and for commercial purposes. Mr. Connolly has been offered $250 for this piece of paper, but will not part with it. He has been asked by at least two foreign museums to give them a price on it, but did not care to let it get out of his possession.

This message was one of the first sent over a commercial telegraph line, although a line had been established in 1837 by Prof. Morse between Washington and Baltimore, and many messages were forwarded. None of these, however, as far as known, are now in existence. From all accounts Mr. Connolly has the oldest message extant, although it is possible old papers belonging to trust estates may be able to produce messages just as ancient.

This message was sent from Memphis to Nashville on September 2, 1848, over the lines of the New Orleans and Ohio Magnetic Telegraph Company, which had just opened its lines, and was afterward absorbed by the Western Union Telegraph Company. It was a Morse line. The message related to government contracts in the war department, and was from Isaac Saffarrans to his brother, David Saffarrans, both well-known New Orleans bankers, who were evidently backing up government contracts at the time. It reads:

The following communication has been received from Memphis at 8 o'clock, 42 minutes:

David Saffarrans:

Bid referred today to Washington, thought too high by commandant; important that proper representation be made to the department. Stanton writes for me today. Col. also. My gravelling goes beautifully.

ISAAC SAFFARRANS.

Mr. Connolly secured this telegram while going through the papers of the estate of the late Hon. Joseph Bryan, who represented one of the Tennessee districts in congress in the later 40s. The telegram was evidently referred to him for some action.

Mr. Connolly says the collection of messages and telegrams secured by the late Norvill Green, president of the Western Union, represented thousands of dollars, and that Mr. Green was always willing to pay a good price for an old telegram. His oldest paper was dated in 1853. Connolly has many other old messages and curiosities connected with the patent office, most of them having equally as interesting a story as the Saffarrans telegram.

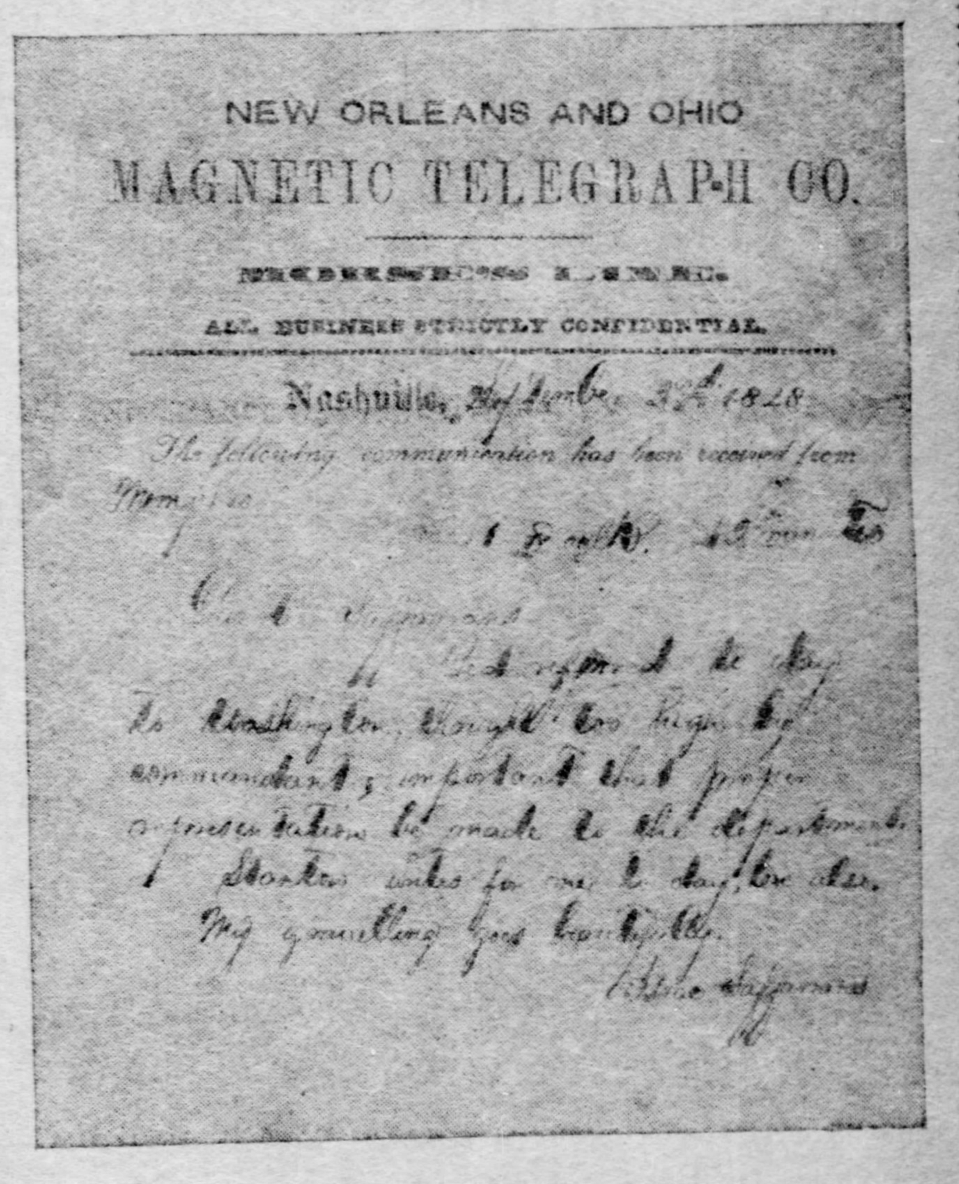
BLUE AND GRAY WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON

NEW SMYRNA, FLA., Dec. 17.—The St. Louis committee of five Union and five Confederate soldiers, appointed at the preliminary meeting of the Blue and Gray during the world's fair, has fixed the 10th day of May, 1905, as the opening date for meetings in Washington, D. C. Corps and posts north and south will be represented.

Westinghouse Auto Arrives.

The Westinghouse-Schmid automobile, the only one of its kind in existence and the property of George Westinghouse, has arrived from St. Louis, where it was exhibited during the fair. It was taken to "Solitude," the Pittsburgh home of Mr. Westinghouse, where he is expected to spend the holidays.

One of the Very Earliest Commercial Telegrams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ALL BUSINESS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.
Nashville, September 2d 1848

M. & M. DIRECTORS FAVOR PNEUMATIC TUBE PLAN

Resolutions Ask Aid of Pennsylvania Congressmen to Secure Installation of System in Pittsburgh.

Resolutions asking for the installation of the pneumatic tube system of postal service in this city have been adopted by the directors of the Merchants & Manufacturers' association and forwarded to the Pennsylvania members of the national house of representatives and the senate. The postmaster general and the postmaster at Pittsburgh have also been sent copies. Postmaster George L. Holliday has been quoted as opposing the plan.

The service is already installed and working satisfactorily in Boston, New York, Chicago and St. Louis. The tubes extend from the main postoffice to the railroad stations and the sub-stations of the postoffice. It is claimed that by such service all of Greater Pittsburgh could be served, including the South Side, Allegheny, Braddock, Homestead, McKeesport, East Liberty, Wilkinsburg and other large towns. The question of quick delivery would be settled and the streets would be relieved of the postal wagons.

Hospital Ship in Collision.

MOJI, JAPAN, Dec. 17.—The Japanese transport Manshu and the hospital ship Rohilla were in collision today off Shimoneski. Both were damaged. The Rohilla was beached and the sick and wounded soldiers were safely landed.

Young Couple Asphyxiated.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—Harry Hall, aged 22, of Columbus and Laura Mouser, aged 19, of Briggsdale, O., were found early today asphyxiated above P. Hagen's saloon. It is supposed they were intoxicated.

LONG BILLIARD GAME.

Two Amateurs Played for Twenty-four Hours Straight and Finished in Good Condition.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Copyright Cable.)—A remarkable billiard match was decided in London this week, the contestants being Messrs. Hayman and Booker, two very fair amateurs, who played for 24 hours straight. The game was at times very exciting, first one and then the other taking the lead, and in the end Hayman was declared the winner by the very narrow margin of only 19 points. The final scores were: Hayman, 5,043; Booker, 5,024.

Both players were very fresh and well at the conclusion, and many of the spectators, who arrived near the finish expecting to find the competitors in a state of collapse, were doomed to disappointment.

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We carry 50,000 records in stock for you to select from.
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One Dollar Down and one Dollar Per Week
BUY NOW—PAY LATER

They are easy to entertain Company with—
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Some Valuable Hints on Managing a Wife

By BELLE BLITZ.

An English cynic has just written a book about how to manage a wife. A careful perusal of it shows that it is valuable only as indicating how little a man really knows of the subject. It also explains why so few men are able to boss the weaker vessel.

In reality there is nothing easier than managing a wife, but perhaps no one but a woman knows the foibles by which her sex can be worked. Certainly only a man would give such advice as that contained in the inspired volume referred to: "Never let your wife think," "Assert your authority," and so on. A woman knows that the way to manage a wife is to make her think that she is doing the thinking for the entire family and that she is the queen of the household.

Of course there are different women who must be managed in different ways, but there are certain principles that apply to all femininity. One of these is that a woman can only be cured of her faults by praising her virtues. To blame a woman for anything that she does wrong is merely to continue her in her misdeeds and to perpetuate her in her mistakes.

For instance, suppose a man is married to a woman who is a bad and slovenly housekeeper. He might complain about the cooking and rage over her untidiness until dooms-day without effecting a reform, but if he will begin praising her for her exquisite little dinners and the artistic skill she displays in her house, she will cheerfully scrub herself to a frazzle cleaning up, and make a burnt offering of herself on the kitchen range.

The same plan works equally well in the matter of economy. A man never makes a more fatal mistake than when he scolds his wife for being extravagant. She feels that she is going to be blamed anyway, and that she might as well have the consolation of buying what she wants; but if he can only induce her to believe that she is a great financier, she will pare down the bills like a miser to live up to her reputation.

The man who would manage his wife in the vital matter of expenditure should also be careful never to criticise anything that she buys. This is a point upon which the average husband exhibits great folly, for he fails to take into consideration that if he makes his wife dissatisfied with the things she has purchased, she will go straightaway and buy something even more costly.

If, when a woman appears with a new hat, and asks her husband how he likes it, he says: "Great snakes, but that's the limit. It looks like a dishpan with a Thanksgiving turkey on the side. The milliner that designed that combination of fowl and lace and vegetables and flowers must have had the delirium tremens, and it makes you look about 40 years old," he is just as sure to have to pay a bill for a new hat as the sun rises on another shopping day. If, however, on the contrary, he is discreet enough to exclaim: "My, but it's a beauty, and it makes you look exactly like you did when I fell in love with you," the hat lasts all that season and continues its usefulness into another. No wit is so costly as the jokes a man indulges in about his wife's bargains.

A man who wishes his wife to be utterly obedient and do exactly as he says, should loudly disclaim all desire to manage her, and should waive every vestige of outward authority. When differences of opinion arise, as they must in every family, and the wife wishes to do one thing and the husband another, the man who asserts that he is the head of the house is lost.

That fatal phrase turns a woman into adamant. She sulks and cries until she forces her husband to give in, but if he is wise enough not to argue the point, but merely to assume a hurt expression and say: "Certainly, my dear, everything shall be as you wish, for my only object in life is to make you happy," the woman prostrates herself before him as if she were a doormat, and begs the dear, angelic, unselfish creature to trample upon her. Give a woman the last word in a quarrel, and you may have the thing you have quarreled about.

If a man wants to go out of an evening he should not attempt to sneak or tell his wife fairy stories about sick friends and lodge meetings. Such conduct invariably calls for certain lectures when the delinquent comes home, but a bluff will work. If he boldly thanks heaven, in his wife's presence, that he is not like the poor miserable, downtrodden, henpecked men who are married to women who are such shrews that their husbands have to lie to their wives, and purloin a latchkey by stealth, she will let him go without a word, and get up at 3 a. m. to open the door for him without a reproach, because he has made her feel that she is so broad and liberal minded.

It is also well for a man to confide all that he does to his wife. She is sure to hear the tale anyway, and there is nothing like being the one to tell the story. Between saying: "I had to talk over some letters I wanted sent with my stenographer, and so I took her out to lunch. Goodness, but what an appetite she's got! I don't believe she gets enough to eat every day," and having a dear, kind friend say: "I saw your husband out with that pretty blond stenographer of his, with the peroxide pompadour. Say, but she's a stunner!" is all the difference between casual interest and green-eyed jealousy that ends in the divorce courts.

A man who wishes to manage his wife should never praise another woman to her. It doesn't inspire a woman to want to be a good cook because Mrs. Jones is, or to be intellectual because Miss Smith is, or amiable because Mrs. Brown is so sweet tempered. On the contrary, it makes her take a mental vow to be just as little like those estimable ladies as possible.

Finally, and this is really the golden key that unlocks the whole problem, the way to manage a woman is by tenderness, kindness and compliments. No woman can be driven even into doing the thing she wants to do, but any woman can be jollied into doing anything her husband desires her to do.

Appointed Consul at Belfast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—S. S. Knabenshue, a political writer on the Toledo Blade, has been appointed consul at Belfast, Ireland, vice W. W. Touvelle, deceased.

Y. M. C. A. IS NO EXPERIMENT

Mr. Fairbanks Says Wisdom of the Founders Has Been Justified.

HELPS TO LAY CORNERSTONE

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Vice President-elect Fairbanks today delivered the principal address at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Young Men's Christian association building in this city. Despite a driving snow storm, a great crowd assembled to witness the ceremonies. Mr. Fairbanks said in part:

"We lay the cornerstone of an imposing edifice which is to stand through many years as a rallying center of beneficent influences in the capital of our country. There is no fitter place than this to encourage the development of these forces which tend to make better our common citizenship. The Young Men's Christian association is no mere experiment. After more than half a century it has been accomplishing its great work. It has justified in full measure the wisdom of its founders. It has rapidly expanded in power, in wealth, in membership and in influence. It is not circumscribed by either national or state lines. It has become international in its scope. It has come to abide with us because its basic principles are essentially our highest and best civic development.

"We look upon our growing national power with measureless pride and satisfaction; we view our increasing national strength with the utmost gratification; we find our greatest pleasure in the development of our national character. There never was an hour in all our splendid history when our people were more ambitious to advance in all of the qualities which mark the highest and best citizenship than they are now. They never gave more thought and effort than they are giving today to their moral, intellectual and physical improvement.

"We do well to turn aside from our manifold vocations to promote the interests of an agency such as this, an agency which in a very vital and positive way tends to advance our mutual good and the welfare of the entire community. It works in a vast and most fruitful field. It works among the young men, among those to whom temptation is most perilous; among those upon whose shoulders in the orderly course of nature the burdens of state must rest; it thrown about the young men the most wholesome influences, the influences of good, Christian fellowship.

"It puts hope into them. It stimulates their ambition. It improves their bodies and purifies their souls. It tends to withdraw them from the temptations which beset their paths upon either hand and it removes them from the blighting touch of evil associations. It makes for sobriety and industry. It tends to make the idler a producer. It increases the sum of wealth and good order of the community. It blesses in an immeasurable degree the young men for whom it works. It blesses the doers of good who fortunately are the dominating force among us. The doer of good deeds to others, is the doer of good deeds to himself."

NEW WITNESSES FOUND FOR NAN PATTERSON

Merchant and Telephone Girl Will Testify in Defense of the Former Actress.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Nan Patterson's lawyers decided today to combat with witnesses the case presented by the state against the young actress. The idea first entertained of simply letting the case go before the jury on the contention that no proof supporting the murder charge had been forthcoming on the part of the prosecution, has been abandoned.

For upward of four hours this afternoon Lawyers Levy, Unger and O'Reilly, the young actress' counsel, examined in their offices witnesses for the defense. Mr. Hazelton, a merchant of Oneonta, N. Y., who declares he saw the shooting and that Young killed himself, was questioned for more than three-quarters of an hour. The defense also secured the attendance today at the law offices of Miss Townsend. She was the night telephone operator at the St. Paul hotel. Her testimony will be to the effect that Nan Patterson on the night before the tragedy said that she would receive messages from no one unless Caesar Young called up.

Miss Townsend will testify that Young called up, identified himself and left a message to be delivered to Nan Patterson. It was an invitation for her to meet him, and couched in such words as will refute the contention of the prosecution that Nan Patterson was hounding Young. It will show, the defense declares, that it was Young who persisted in his attentions to Nan Patterson.

New Company for McKeesport.

Another industry will be added to McKeesport's list next spring when the Voucher Cigar and Manufacturing Company begins operations in Walnut street. The new company is headed by D. L. Clark, a candy manufacturer, with whom are associated R. E. Stone, D. N. Herwig, Albert Epstein, E. W. Pitts, William Nagel, G. C. Murphy, H. L. Camp, Jacob Bestwick and George W. Hartman, all of McKeesport. Cigars, stogies and paper boxes are to be manufactured. It is understood that 500 hands will be employed. The company is capitalized at $25,000.

Business Blocks for McKeesport.

Two new business blocks, in addition to the number already announced, are to be erected this spring in McKeesport. David Rhoades and William J. Albi, bankers, will erect a four-story block in Fifth avenue, near Sheridan street. It will have a frontage of 40 feet and extend back 100 feet. The building will cost about $50,000. Ex-Mayor R. T. Carothers has plans for a four-story business block to improve a large Fifth avenue frontage, near Sinclair street. This building will also cost about $50,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

Harry D. Lisbon	Pittsburgh
Bessie Gray	Pittsburgh
William Lange	North Braddock
Anna Stankiewicz	Swissvale
Chauncey S. Patrick	Jeannette
Clara E. Mould	Baraboo, Wis.
Allen Goe	Lock No. 4
Mary Gardner	Donora
Edmund Shobens	Greensburg
Elizabeth Brown	Pittsburgh
James B. Saunders	Pittsburgh
Emma Stone	Pittsburgh
Wareham E. Johnson	Homestead
Dora Mason	Homestead
Michael Calabrese	Pittock
Gertrude Daly	Glassport
Elmer A. Williams	Hays borough
Anna Stephens	Hays borough
Benjamin F. Pell	Scott Haven
Anna M. Blobner	Scott Haven

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Victor, 128 Trent street, gave a reception in honor of the 25th anniversary of their marriage. They were married in Philadelphia, December 14, 1879. Mr. Victor is one of Pittsburgh's most popular business men.

They had quite a large number of guests who called to congratulate the bride and groom. The affair was quite a success, being in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Victor's daughter, Mrs. Henry L. Cohen of Philadelphia, aided by Mrs. B. Grossman of Waynesburg and Miss Della Israel of this city.

Mrs. Victor was attired in a beautiful black lace robe, Mrs. H. L. Cohen was gowned in a handsome white voile, Mrs. B. Grossman wore an imported spangled robe and Miss Della Israel wore a cream colored nun's veiling.

At 11 o'clock supper was served and the toasts were numerous, being led by the Rev. Dr. J. Leonard Levy of Pittsburgh.

Among the guests present were: Dr. J. Leonard Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Cohen of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Levy of New York, Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. P. Nathans, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. B. Grossman, Waynesburg; Mr. and Mrs. Broda, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Mrs. A. Victor, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weiss, Louis Rosenblatt, Miss Tillie, Mr and Mrs. Janowitz, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mendoza, Mr. and Mrs. Vitchuski, Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Neuman, David Mendoza, Nathan Mendoza.

WHEREABOUTS OF HAYS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Mayor May Be Fishing, Riding on a Train or in Hiding in Pittsburgh.

There is doubt whether Mayor William B. Hays is fishing off the Catalina islands in Southern California, riding on a train somewhere between the Pacific coast and Pittsburgh or in hiding in this city until he gets a line on the political situation.

The mayor went to California a couple of weeks ago and for the last two or three days has been expected home. Yesterday there was a story circulated that the chief executive was in seclusion at the residence of Select Councilman Peter Hermes, but all callers were told he was not there. Mr. Hermes denies the mayor is in hiding and says he has not returned to Pittsburgh, but may come at any minute. A city official is credited with having said he talked with Hays yesterday.

If there is anything the mayor likes better than a good horse, it is to fish where there are fish to bite. He found the spot in Southern California and, according to a friend who was with him, Mr. Hays was loath to leave.

Henry A. Davis of Sewickley accompanied the mayor on the western trip and returned to his home yesterday. He said last night:

"I cannot tell exactly where the mayor is, but I know something of his intended movements. He left Los Angeles for San Francisco last Saturday night. It was his intention to remain there for about four days. After that his destination would depend upon how hard the fishing fever was affecting him. We had excellent sport off the Catalina islands and the mayor was disposed to return there before starting east. If he has done that, he will not reach Pittsburgh before Wednesday or Thursday. Should he deny himself the pleasures of the Catalina islands, he can be expected home Monday or Tuesday."

SCRUBWOMAN COMES FROM CLOUDS IN GRAND OPERA

Appears on Stage by Mistake During Last Act of "Die Walkuere," Amusing Audience.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The last act of "Die Walkuere" was in progress tonight at the Metropolitan opera house. The setting was a carefully-planned cloud scene, the pride of Heinrich Conried, who designed it. Mme. Senger-Bettaque, who had made her debut earlier in the evening as Brunnheide, occupied the front of the stage.

Suddenly there broke through the clouds a strange figure that none of the spectators could possibly associate with grand opera without laughing. The figure was that of a woman of ample dimensions. The sleeves of her gingham dress were rolled well up and in her hand she carried a pail of soapsuds. On her face at the sight of the vast audience was a look of bewilderment. She dodged behind a scenic tree, while Director Conried and the stage hands signaled and called in stage whispers that she should remain there. But Mrs. Goeghegan, one of the opera house scrubwomen—for it was she—was only the more embarrassed by the attention she received, and, determined to escape at any cost, plunged wildly back into the clouds, which swallowed her from the view of the laughing audience.

EVAN JONES DEAD.

He Was a Member of Pittsburgh Councils for 20 Years—Member of the Masonic Fraternity.

Evan Jones, until a year ago select councilman from the Thirty-sixth ward, died at his home, 190 Main street, last night at 6 o'clock after a prolonged illness. He had been ailing for some time and for the past six months had suffered from severe attacks of asthma, which was the cause of his demise. Mr. Jones served as councilman from his ward for 20 consecutive years in both common and select council, but was defeated at the last councilmanic election. The deceased moved to the West End about 40 years ago and entered into the employ of the Thomas Wightman Glass Company as general superintendent. He remained in this position until 14 years ago, when he entered into the wholesale liquor business. Later he went into the retail liquor business in Main street and remained there until the time of his death.

Mr. Jones is survived by a widow and son and two daughters. The son, Henry Jones, was until recently employed by the city as a detective. The daughters are Mrs. Percy Cramp of Crafton and Mrs. Harry Ludwig of Sheraden.

The deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity, being connected with Guyasuta lodge No. 513, Pittsburgh commandery No. 1, and Zerubbabel chapter No. 162. He was also a member of Syrian temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.

NEW STREET ON HIM.

Woman Inquires for Nearest Pharmacy and Officer Thinks It "Must Be in Allegheny."

Superintendent of Police Wallace last night issued orders for the patrolmen to familiarize themselves with the buildings on their beats. The men must learn where the different office buildings and department stores are located. In addition to this, they must know where the fire extinguishers in these stores and buildings are kept.

Last week a complaint came to Supt. Wallace which annoyed him. A woman approached an officer on a downtown street and asked to be directed to the nearest pharmacy. The officer looked bewildered for a moment and then got out his street guide and scanned it thoroughly.

"Madame, it must be in Allegheny, for there is no such street in this city," said the policeman.

ALUMNI RAISE $4,000.

Former Students at Boston "Tech" Start Their Work on Endowmnet Fund.

The Pittsburgh Alumni association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, generally known as the Boston "Tech," raised $4,000 for the alumni endowment fund of the institution at the annual meeting last evening at the Duquesne club. The local alumni, of whom there are about 150 in Allegheny county, expect to contribute $10,000 toward the general fund. This fund will reach $2,000,000, it is hoped.

The officers for the coming year were chosen as follows: President, C. K. MacClure; vice president, S. B. Ely; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Danforth; executive committee, F. E. Alden, E. W. Dewsen, F. A. McDonald, F. E. Field and H. D. Shute.

MAN VOTED TO BE GUILTY SENTENCED FOR BURGLARY

NEW CASTLE, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Claude Wilson of Pulaski, arrested for burglary at the home of Samuel A. Armstrong, after the people of Pulaski took a vote to decide whom they believed guilty, a majority voting for Wilson, was today sentenced by Judge Wallace to four years and two months in the penitentiary. William Anderson, Wilson's father-in-law, was arrested with him, but was acquitted. The door of Armstrong's home was broken down by two masked men, and Armstrong was bound and gagged. He recognized Wilson.

Found Dead by the Railroad Tracks.

BELLAIRE, O., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—George W. Morgan, a prominent contractor, was found dead with his body frozen and covered with snow lying beside the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling railroad tracks this morning. There was a bullet hole in his head and his hand clutched a revolver. The authorities regard it as a case of suicide.

CHRISTMAS SPECTACLE AT NEW ALVIN THEATER

MLLE. HORTENSE DOUGLASS.

Parisian Dansense in the Kiralfy Ballet.

It is no exaggeration to say that the forthcoming Christmas spectacle at the new Alvin theater, opening Monday, December 26, will be the most brilliant and wonderful spectacular exhibition ever witnessed on a Pittsburgh stage. In addition to every member of the Harry Davis stock company, there will be an ensemble of over 200 people. A feature of decided interest is the engagement of the Kiralfy ballet, the same dancers who took part in the Kiralfy Brothers' enormous production at the Louisiana Purchase exposition in St. Louis. The scenic and mechanical effects will surpass anything the stock company has heretofore presented in the Christmas pantomimes. Jules Verne's splendid drama, "Around the World in Eighty Days," will serve as the background of the spectacular effects. Seat sale opens Monday morning, December 19.

UNKNOWN'S BODY FOUND BY CHILDREN UNDER SNOW

Lying Near Railroad Tracks and Frozen Stiff—Tots Lead Police to the Scene.

A man about 35 years old was found frozen to death yesterday afternoon on the Allegheny river bank, at the foot of Twenty-fourth street. Three boys stumbled over the body, which was covered with snow. They became frightened and ran home. One of them, Howard Hazlett of 120 Twenty-fifth street, was so shocked he became ill and had to be put to bed. He is only 12 years old. The other two, Joseph Sutherland of 2416 Smallman street and Willie Murdock of 24 Mulberry alley, were taken to police station No. 3 last night by their parents to tell the police of their discovery. Officer Andrew Winstel went with them and the boys pointed out the man's body, lying where they had seen it.

The body was frozen hard and when turned over Officer Winstel noticed a bruise on the face. As it looked as if he had fallen or was thrown over the bank from the Allegheny Valley railroad tracks, Officer Winstel reported the matter to the police station as one containing possibilities of murder.

The body was taken to the morgue and Supt. McQuaide detailed Detectives Kelly and McGough to investigate. They dissipated the murder theory. A watch and chain and some money were found in his pockets undisturbed. The clothing, as well as the body, was frozen so stiff, however, that it was not possible to get all his money out of his pockets. A memorandum book in one pocket contained a dozen or more addresses, one of them the number 2708 Penn avenue and the names "S. Gilrunler" and "Anton Zelbanis."

Simon Andy, aged 57, of Ninth street, Braddock, died at the Mercy hospital last night from injuries received on December 12 in the Edgar Thomson steel works, at Braddock.

FARMER PUT WIFE AWAY; LIVED WITH HOUSEKEEPER

Strange Story Revealed in Suit Brought by Aged Woman for Dower Right.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

BELLEFONTAINE, O., Dec. 17.—A strange story was revealed in common pleas court today in the trial of the case of Catherine Miller vs. Ellen Landis. Catherine Miller, widow of John Miller, is suing for her dower right in a farm, which her late husband sold to Ellen Landis without the wife's consent.

The Millers moved to Logan county during the civil war. With them came a housekeeper, and the testimony showed that Miller became fonder of the housekeeper than of his wife, and that he put his wife away from him and their children, and installed her in a little house on a corner of the farm, while Miller and the housekeeper, both now dead, lived in the family home and reared a family of their own. Miller sold a part of his land to Ellen Landis, and it is alleged that the housekeeper signed the deed as the wife of Miller. The father and the housekeeper taught the children to call Mrs. Miller, their own mother, "Auntie." Mrs. Miller is 80 years old.

NEWS FOR MR. HAY.

Consul Miller Is Conveying Interesting Information Concerning Conditions in Manchuria.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—H. B. Miller, consul general of the United States at New Chang, China, who has arrived here from the orient, has matters of interest to place before Secretary Hay relative to affairs in Manchuria.

As president of the International Red Cross and Refugees' Aid society, much of Mr. Miller's time recently has been occupied in taking care of Chinese rendered destitute by the contest between Russia and Japan. The aid society collected nearly $300,000, and provided for many thousands of suffering Chinese, over 30,000 being sent to their homes. It is said that but little help was given either by the Russians or the Japanese.

LAND TRUST ENTERTAINS.

The Spacious and Elegantly Appointed Banking Rooms Thrown Open to the Public.

The officers and directors of the Land Trust Company on Fourth avenue threw open their spacious and elegantly decorated banking house to the inspection of the general public, and hundreds of invited friends, yesterday afternoon, and crowds thronged through the apartments, escorted by the officials and employes.

The new banking rooms are finely decorated and the appointments are complete for transacting a general banking trust, real estate and title insurance business. One of the features of the occasion was the interest taken in the building by the women friends of the institution, many of them helping to entertain the guests.

Widow Says Syveton Killed Himself.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—According to depositions made by Madame Syveton before the examining magistrate regarding her husband's death it has been definitely ascertained that Deputy Syveton committed suicide by inhaling gas and in order to avert a scandal. Madame Syveton admitted to the magistrate that she, with the help of the housekeeper, so placed the body of her husband as to make it appear that his death was accidental, and also that she burned the deputy's private papers.

CONVICTED OF FORGING A NUMBER OF NOTES

Woman Intended to Plead Guilty, but Changed Mind After Seeing Penitentiary.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

STROUDSBURG, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Linda Brown, keeper of a summer hotel, has been convicted of forging the name of her sister, Mrs. Bornhoeft, on notes which were cashed by the Stroudsburg National bank.

Evidence showed that Mrs. Brown had signed the name of Mrs. Bornhoeft to 27 notes, in all amounting to nearly $5,000. Three of the four Monroe county banks held several of them and several business men and private bankers are owners of some of the notes.

Mrs. Brown intended to plead guilty, but after visiting the Eastern penitentiary she returned and fought the suit. She said Mrs. Bornhoeft paid her expenses to Philadelphia. A motion for a new trial was made.

Mrs. Brown was cleared of a similar charge made by the Stroudsburg National bank.

MONTANA GETS AFTER THE PACKERS' COMBINE

Five Companies Must Show Cause Why They Should Not Get Out of the State and Be Fined.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

HELENA, MONT., Dec. 17.—Five of the largest packing houses in the United States must show cause in the state supreme court next Friday why they should not be enjoined from doing business in Montana. The companies concerned are Swift, Armour, Cudahy and Hammond of Chicago and the Hammond company of Pueblo, Col. The application for the order to show cause was made by Attorney General Donovan and has been granted.

The attorney general not only asked that the companies which he alleges constitute the "beef trust" be prevented from doing business in Montana, but he also asked that their property in the state be forfeited, as well as their franchises to do business, and that they be fined.

Montana ships to Chicago annually between 200,000 and 300,000 head of beef cattle and 500,000 sheep. Since the combination of the packers at Chicago there has been no competition among buyers for cattle on that market.

ENTERTAINED EMPLOYES.

The J. C. Buffum Company Gave a Banquet Last Night.

Former Judge Josiah Cohen, in an address last night to the employes of the J. C. Buffum company, eulogized the late J. C. Buffum, who died last March in California. Mr. Buffum started in business in Pittsburgh in 1845 in the manufacture of soft drinks. Since his death the business was incorporated, with Wayne Gilland, president; W. M. Schwartz, treasurer and George Ross secretary.

When Mr. Buffum was living he gave a banquet to the employes once a year. The new firm has kept up the practice and last night entertained the employes at the Colonial hotel. Attorney J. E. Baylor, manager of the firm, officiated as toastmaster, and among the respondents were Attorney Leon J. Long and Attorney William McElroy.

MAKES LOVE TO STEAL.

Police Court Missionary Tells of Strange Fascination Crime Has for One Convict.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Copyright Cable.)—"Drink, gambling and all excitements of life rolled into one are as nothing to be compared with the excitement of committing a burglary."

The strange history of the man who uttered these words was recounted by Mr. Thomas Holmes, the well-known police court missionary in an address before the Ethnological society. He said this man had served 35 terms of imprisonment for burglaries, and is now undergoing penal servitude. Apart from his burglarious instincts, he is a "manly, honorable, tender hearted and in every way admirable fellow."

Varino May Have Reached Pittsburgh.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Physicians stated today that Angelo Giardini, the Italian stabbed yesterday by his father-in-law, Guiseppie Varino, at Westland, will recover. His wife, Varino's daughter, who was also stabbed, still remains unconscious, and her death is expected. A posse hunted for Varino today, but could find no trace of him. It is believed that Varino was secreted by friends beneath coal on a railroad train and reached Pittsburgh, from whence he will start for Italy.

Trunk Broken Open; Watch Taken.

John Kaltenhauser, a boarder at Wylie avenue and Arthur street, reported to the police last night that his trunk in his room had been broken open and a watch and chain taken. The watch, he said, was not of great worth, but he valued it for association's sake, having brought it with him from Germany years ago.

PACK OF WOLVES ATTACK A COACH

Passengers Have Fierce Battle With Three Score of Them in Northern Minnesota.

WANTED A DEER'S CARCASS

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 17.—Stage passengers attacked by a hungry pack of barking, snarling wolves was the experience of four men and two women travelers riding with one of Uncle Sam's mail carriers in Minnesota recently. The coach, which had been placed upon runners, for the snow is already deep in Northern Minnesota, had started for its long daily journey from Grand Marias, in Cook county, for Two Harbors, the nearest railroad station, on the north shore of Lake Superior. When four miles from the starting place the barking and howling of wolves was heard. This was thought little of, for wolves are numerous in the northern woods. But the howls grew nearer and louder, and into sight dashed a dozen big, red-eyed timber wolves. They came straight for the sleigh. Reinforcements came from the roadside and soon they numbered threescore or more apparently as hungry wolves as were ever encountered. They came right at the coach as if to overpower it.

It was at this juncture that the cause was discovered. At the rear end of the coach had been fastened the carcass of a deer, which was being shipped as baggage by one of the passengers. For some time it was debated whether to throw off the carcass and thus ward off the danger that threatened, but the owner would not have it that way, and whipping out his revolver he knocked down two wolves which were trying to down the horses by jumping at and fastening their teeth to their throats. Others quickly sprang into their place, and two wolves more bold than the others jumped onto the fly of the coach and attempted to tear the deer carcass loose. Another passenger crippled both these and they fell to the ground a prey to their companions' hunger. For four hours this battle with the wild beasts of the forest continued, until the stage and frightened horses and passengers arrived at the "half-way house."

Two women passengers, the wife and daughter of a railroad man, behaved heroically, having more confidence in their male compaions than the men had in themselves. The stage was unmolested during the remainder of the journey.

MORE SNOW COMING.

The Weather Man Predicts a Heavy Fall in This Section Today and More Sleighing.

Christmas shoppers were treated to a heavy snowstorm yesterday, and the wintry weather has given the entire section a white appearance. The snow fell nearly all day, and last evening there was another heavy fall. Between 6 and 7 p. m. the weather warmed up slightly, and for a short time the snow turned to rain, and many people in Fifth avenue and other downtown streets had their umbrellas raised.

The fall of rain continued for a short time only, as the atmosphere grew colder as the night wore on, and by 10 there was another snowstorm prevailing. The rise in temperature during the day made walking in the streets miserable for the great crowds of shoppers, as the snow melted almost as fast as it fell. The workmen of the highway and sewers bureau were kept busy cleaning the streets and keeping the crossings in condition.

More snow is predicted for today in this section by the official weather observer at Washington. Fair and warmer conditions are looked for tomorrow. The owners of cutters were out in large numbers yesterday afternoon.

CITY NOW HAS DEED.

Title of Bath House Site in Soho Is Approved and Women Will Get Possession.

The deed for the property of Sigmund Lenchner, in Fifth avenue, Soho, recently purchased by the city for a bath house, was transferred yesterday by the Fidelity Title and Trust Company to the city and given into the hands of Controller Larkin.

As city property, it will be under the contract of the department of public works, but only carried on the books of that branch of the city government as one of its assets. By an ordinance introduced in councils last Monday, the authority is given the Civic club to enter upon and occupy the property for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a bath house, and when passed steps can then be taken to carry out the project for which the city purchased the property.

One Killed and 11 Injured.

ALLENTOWN, Dec. 17.—Two trolley cars on the Slatington line of the Lehigh Valley Traction Company collided today at the iron bridge, owing to signals failing to operate. William Zink, an electrician, was so badly crushed that he died. E. A. Rupert, a motorman, will likely die of his injuries. Mrs. Frantz, wife of the Rev. H. A. Frantz, of Cherryville, had both legs broken. Nine others were injured.

Listened to Weird Music.

The Pittsburgh Archaeological society entertained Charles F. Lummis of Los Angeles last evening, who lectured on "Primitive Music of the Southwest." Mr. Lummis furnished a number of phonographic records of the Indian and old Spanish songs of that section. The meeting was presided over by President John B. Jackson.

PIANOS

A Few More Days Before Christmas.

MATHUSHEK & SON
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We are successors to the Alex. Ross Piano Co. We are pleasing so many and feel sure we can please you.

Just received some more Pianos, which were delayed in shipment for the holidays, we offer at

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$250.00 is the Regular Price on these Pianos.

Some used Pianos in fine condition, at lowest prices. You are dealing direct with the manufacturers—we will explain this more fully on a visit to our store.

Your choice delivered promptly on the date desired.

OPEN EVENINGS TILL XMAS.

Jacob Brothers Co.
714 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh.
Next Door to Presbyterian Book Rooms.

REAPED RICH PROFITS FROM SALE OF AUTOS

Farrend Said to Have Disposed of Two for $2,000 and Kept Money.

Superintendent of Detectives McQuaide yesterday notified the police at Lima, O., that N. J. Farrend, who was arrested there on a charge of larceny, is wanted in this city by the Standard Automobile Company, 5917 Baum street, East End, for the same offense. About a year ago Farrend was sent with two automobiles to Lima to sell. He made the sales, which amounted to about $2,000, and is said to have kept the money. He disappeared and the case was turned over to a local detective agency which failed to get any trace of the man.

Requisition papers will be sent to Ohio for Farrend and if the police of that city do not prosecute him he will be brought here for trial. Mrs. Farrend was arrested in Topeka, Kas., the same day on a similar charge. She is a daughter of a prominent family in Geneva, O. When arrested she denied any knowledge of the charge.

It is alleged Farrend is suspected of having killed a woman in Topeka, but nothing definite is known of the affair. Mrs. Farrend was known through the west as Mrs. W. D. Cunningham and Mrs. Bonchoff.

ARCANUMS IN SESSION.

Members of 44 Councils in Allegheny County Heard Address by Deputy Grand Regent Wallace.

The meeting held in G. A. R. hall Thursday night was attended by hundreds of Royal Arcanum members representing the 44 councils in Allegheny county. After three candidates had been initiated by the degree team of Federal council, District Deputy Grand Regent Wallace of Philadelphia delivered the address of the evening on the objects and uses of the association.

A meeting of the associated councils has been planned for January 10 in the hall of Revenue Council No. 243, Fourth avenue. To this meeting all Arcanums have been invited. A program of music and addresses has been arranged.

The councils in Allegheny county now represented in the associated councils comprise a membership of over 4,000, most of whom live in Pittsburgh or Allegheny, and any work undertaken by the association is assured of support and success.

CLOSE CALL FOR MINERS.

Buried Under Slate for 11 Hours Until Rescued by Companions.

After being entombed under a fall of slate for 11 hours, John Faust, aged 36, and Harry Matlosky, aged 23, miners in the Pittsburgh Terminal coal mines at Willock station, were rescued Friday night and taken to their homes. They had sustained no serious injury.

The men were loading a wagon when the slate and a portion of the roof fell upon them. Workmen rushing to their aid drew a tube through the debris, which carried air to the entombed men. After 11 hours of confinement the men were reached and given medical attention.

Greer Wins Damage Suit.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The $10,000 damage case of C. M. Greer of Canonsburg against the burgess, a constable and three councilmen of that borough ended today when the jury returned a verdict for Greer of $4,300.

Lad Broke His Arm.

Morton Kennoy, aged 16, of 42 Williams street, brother of "Buck" Kennoy, the ball player, last evening broke his arm by a fall at his home.

NURSES SAY THEY DESIRE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC

The Graduate Association Approves Bill Requiring Registration and State Examination.

The Graduate Nurses' association of Pennsylvania yesterday approved the draft of a bill prepared by John G. Johnson, the Philadelphia lawyer, to insure the public against the claims of nurses falsely alleging to be trained or "registered." The meeting was held in the rooms of the Academy of Medicine in Sixth avenue, and more than 50 members of the association were present. The bill is rather long, but the gist of it is to prevent unqualified nurses from adding the letters "R. N." (registered nurse) after their names.

All the members of the auxiliary committee which conferred with Mr. Johnson and the officers of the Pennsylvania State Medical association, which favors the bill, were present. They are Alice Pierson of the Allegheny General hospital; Harriet Cochran, Shenango Valley hospital, New Castle; Edith Madeira of Philadelphia; Maud Banfield, Polyclinic hospital, Philadelphia, and Ada Payne, Episcopal hospital, Philadelphia. Edith Madeira is the chairman of the committee.

The object for which the association was formed in Pittsburgh in October, 1903, is for the registration and state examination of trained nurses. The bill is worded, it is asserted, so that it will not prevent the nursing of the sick by their relatives or by unregistered nurses for pay, so long as those nurses do not assert that they are trained nurses. It is also averred that the bill, if it becomes a law, will not interfere with those nurses who have had special training in maternity cases and the nursing of children.

To obviate objections on the ground of unconstitutionality, it is provided that no graduates of general hospitals in good standing shall be required to undergo a state examination or otherwise be subject to the provisions of the law until June 1, 1908. Even if the nurses' association desired to shut out any untrained nurses who are now practicing nursing, the bill could not legally affect those persons, even if they have not had the training they ought to have.

GIFTS CAUSING TROUBLE.

Director Moore Says They Must Not Be Made, but They May Be.

Director Moore yesterday issued orders to the employes of the safety department that they were not expected to make contributions for Christmas presents for superior officers.

The front office men, with two exceptions, had decided to make presents to Supt. McQuaide, Supt. Wallace and Magistrate Stewart. Two detectives were asked to subscribe, but refused. The other detectives thought nothing of it and decided to make up the difference themselves. However, one of the detectives went to Director Moore and complained he had practically been ordered to subscribe.

The director immediately issued the prohibitory edict through his chief clerk, Elias Johns. In spite of the order, it is almost certain the detectives will make presents to Supts. McQuaide and Wallace and Magistrate Stewart.

BARRED FROM PRACTICE.

Secretary Metcalf Issues Stringent Orders Against Immigration Attorneys.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A telegram was received by Commissioner Williams at Ellis island today from Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, stating that the secretary had issued an order barring Lewis C. White and Herbert Andrews, New York attorneys, from practicing at any immigration station in the United States.

It is said the order is the result of representations made by the Society for the Protection of Italian Immigrants that immigrants have not received fair treatment by certain lawyers.

RECORD-BREAKING HOLIDAY SALE!

Greatest, most sensational holiday sale we ever inaugurated starts here tomorrow morning. We are prepared with stocks of Shoes and Slippers at such ridiculous low prices that simply seem like giving them away. We are Pittsburgh's greatest cut-price shoe store and we simply outdo ourselves giving bargains like these.

$5.00 in Trading Stamps ABSOLUTELY FREE to Anyone Starting a Book

$12.00 in Globe or Street Car, or $10.00 in Green or Niagara Stamps — With Every Purchase of $1.98 or Upwards Tomorrow.

QUEEN QUALITY

$3.50 Shoes

$1.98

"Queen Quality," world's finest ladies' shoes. You pay $3.50 for these same shoes right here in the city. We cut the price to $1.98.

"Queen Quality" $3.50 Shoes, $1.98 TOMORROW.

Want the Saving?

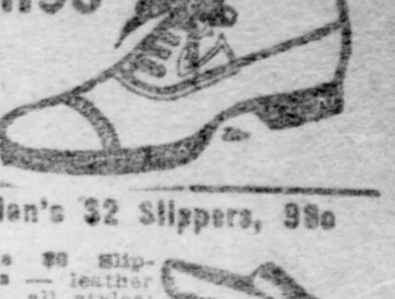
Ladies' $1.50 Fur Trimmed Juliets, all latest colors—very fine, cut to 98c

Ladies' $1.25 fur trimmed Juliets—good quality felt — also quilted Slippers; special, 69c

Men's $2 "Faust" Slippers, kid lined all through—very fine, cut to $1.49

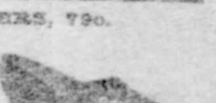
MEN'S $3.50 WATERPROOF SHOES, $1.98.

Box calf, leather lined throughout, double hand-sewed oak soles; $3.50, cut to $1.98



Men's $2 Slippers, 98c

Fine $2 Slippers — leather lined, all styles; Special price, 98c.



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ALL WINNERS HAVE BEEN NAMED AND THE PRIZES ARE AWARDED

Committee on Award in First Proverb Contest Completes Task.

HOW SELECTION WAS MADE

By indefatigable effort and assisted by a large force of efficient assistants under its personal direction, the committee on awards in the first proverb contest held under the auspices of The Gazette, which closed at noon Saturday, December 10, have passed neutral and impartial judgment, according to the specified conditions, on the maze of answers that poured in from all sections of the country and announce today, on this page, the successful competitors in the race for educational and financial reward.

The labors of the committee have been arduous, fully as much so as was that of the solvers, while not so fascinating. However, their decision has been reached without fear or favor, the conditions of the contest strictly enforced to the letter, and every technicality taken into consideration in passing upon correctness, so that the most worthy might profit. The monetary award offered by The Gazette was yesterday distributed by checks to successful contestants with every letter of the conditions lived up to and carried into detailed effect.

As is announced on this page, Mrs. James L. Mason of 710 Sandusky street, Allegheny, is the winner of the $250 capital prize. Not the fortunate winner, but the winner, for fortune played no part in this contest. Personal efficiency was the only measure taken. To Miss Jessie Phillips of Newark, O., was awarded the second prize of $100.

Sent Many Answers.

Of these first two successful competitors the former sent in 90 answers and the latter 195, both making repeated trials at the solution of several of the illustrations. Both failed to solve No. 13, the balloon which sent so many solvers up into the air. Together with failing to solve No. 13 correctly, or anywhere near correctly, each failed to solve one other illustration absolutely correctly. Mrs. Mason placed a comma after the word "truth," although she had the wording of No. 30 correct, while Miss Phillips missed fire entirely in attempting to solve No. 19.

As both failed of absolute correctness in two illustration interpretations, the judges took the matter under long and careful consideration and finally decided on the face of the conditions providing for a distribution of the prizes to the "nearest correct," that Mrs. Mason's error in misplacing a comma was nearer correct than Miss Philip's complete error in failing to solve No. 19, and made the award accordingly.

Miss Clara M. Gerwig of 507 Franklin avenue, Wilkinsburg, who returned 70 answer blanks, was awarded the third prize of $50, having failed in but three solutions. Miss Gerwig also stumbled on No. 13, had No. 19 improperly solved, and while she grasped the sense of No. 8, had it worded imperfectly.

In passing upon the answers and applying every technicality, the committee agreed to make three exceptions, as follows: That "bed-fellows" would be correct if used as a compound word or otherwise in No. 5; that a comma after "world" in No. 13 would not be absolutely essential; that in No. 15 "today" and "tomorrow" could be used as compound words or otherwise, and that No. 18 would be considered correct whether or not a comma would follow "houses." With these exceptions every technicality was taken into consideration and solutions marked accordingly. In sorting and arranging answers every condition and requirement was considered with scrupulous care, with the prime and only incentive to bring to the surface the "nearest correct."

After passing upon the solutions of Miss Gerwig and announcing them third in correctness, the committee were confronted with six sets of solutions, from as many solvers, which were entitled to the same award, or in other words, were tied for fourth place and fourth award. Consultation brought forth the unanimous agreement to take the fourth prize of $50 and add to it five of the eight $25 prizes, making a sum total of $175 which was equally divided between the six tied competitors and to each of which was awarded one-sixth of the total, or $29.17. The three remaining $25 prizes were awarded to those next in line of correctness. The 15 $10 prizes were also awarded without encountering any tied competitors. However, after 35 of the 40 $5 prizes had been awarded it was found that 32 solvers were tied for the remaining five $5 awards. To meet this contingency the committee took 27 of the $1 prizes and adding them to the five $5 awards, struck a total of $52, which they devided between the 32 tied competitors, awarding each $1 63. Going further down the list the committee made 64 of the remaining $1 awards without encountering any complications, but with but 9 more $1 awards to make found 57 solvers tied for these nine awards.

This was the trying ordeal on their judgment and presented a position that even Solomon in all his wisdom would not have cherished. After a conference with the management of The Gazett the latter suggested that each of the 57 competitors tied for the remaining nine $1 awards be given 50 cents apiece, and to carry out such suggestion, which was eagerly accepted by the committee, The Gazette added the $19 50 additional necessary, which, together with the fractional cents alloted to other contestants who were tied brought the sum total of awards made in the contest up to $1,119 68 and in which 215 contestants shared, instead of $1,100 for 167 as was announced.

A glance through the list of successful contestants will give a partial idea of the wide scope throughout the country in which interest was manifest in the contest. The prize winners are scattered through the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Massachusetts, Kentucky and New Hampshire. Still, the list of unsuccessful competitors cover a much wider range, several having sent in contributions from as far as Colorado, California and Mexico in the west and Texas and Florida in the south.

On this page are printed letters from some of the successful solvers telling, in their own words, the methods employed by them in arriving at their conclusions in interpreting the proverb illustrations. These letters should not alone prove of interest to those who were not quite so successful, but should stand out as worthy examples to those who are engaging in the second and enlarged proverb contest which is now under full headway. It is not necessary to dwell upon the pleasing features of the contest closed and the educational advantages which it afforded the successful and unsuccessful alike. The letters herewith shown portray the sentiment that has prevailed wherever the contest was known and which sentiment has expressed by word and by letter to the management of this paper since the day the contest had its inception.

It is to be regretted that all who entered upon the spirit of the contest and sought to reap the rewards were not winners financially. That each contestant reaped his share of mental and educational reward is beyond dispute. It would be difficult to devise an incentive for public consideration that would lead the minds of the masses in more beneficial channels and which would tend to more recompense each individual for the time consumed than that which the proverb contest afforded. The early realization of this fact ripened the judgment that a second contest would meet with public appreciation and this contest, now under way, will doubtless receive the same marked wide-spread attention as did the first.

On this page appears the complete list of correct solutions to the illustrations which have appeared in the first proverb contest. Read the correct answers carefully and see the error of your way. By looking over this list carefully the final touch on your proverb education, as far as the first contest is concerned, will be complete, and all may start afresh on an equal basis on the new contest. Those who have retained the illustrations which appeared in the first contest and those who can recall them, will readily perceive how simple of solution the illustrations really were and that no attempt was made to mislead solvers. The very nature of the conditions providing for a division of the awards to the "nearest" correst, precludes of any possibility or incentive to mislead. That the purpose on its face is attested by the fact that every illustration was solved correctly, and intent of each illustration was clear although not by any one individual solver.

As a final review of the contest which is now closed in its entirety, the management of The Gazette takes pride in the fact that it has carried out every letter of the conditions of the contest and has done everything it promised to do under the wise, conscientious and careful administration of the committee on awards. That the conditions have been carried out in every detail and the awards made strictly and honestly in accordance with the prescribed conditions is attested to in the ascribed certificate of the committee which appears on this page.

With the experience of the first contest before the readers of The Gazette and with a practical demonstration of the method of award and the experience of those who have reaped the richest rewards, the army of solvers who are now engaging in the second contest can well apply themselves with renewed energy, and while but one will carry off the $500 capital prize, and the $1,800 to be awarded may not be shared by all contestants, the same personal reward in educational betterment stands ready for free and general distribution to those who will partake of it as was the case in the contest which is now but a memory.

CORRECT LIST OF ANSWERS

1—A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
2—A short horse is soon curried.
3—An ounce of wisdom is worth a pound of wit.
4—First come, first served.
5—Poverty makes a man acquainted with strange bed-fellows.
6—Every dog hath its day, and every man his hour.
7—Constant dropping wears the stone.
8—Every one should sweep before his own door.
9—Dogs that bark at a distance never bite.
10—Half a loaf is better than no bread.
11—Hell is paved with good intentions.
12—It is good to have two strings to one's bow.
13—As good out of the world, as out of the fashion.
14—Marry in haste and repent at leisure.
15—Never leave that till to-morrow which you can do to-day.
16—Sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.
17—It is never too late to mend.
18—They who live in glass houses, should not throw stones.
19—Self-preservation is the first law of nature.
20—Set a beggar on horse back, he'll ride to the devil.
21—Comparisons are odious.
22—Take a man by his word and a cow by her horns.
23—The smiles of a pretty woman are the tears of the purse.
24—Money makes the mare go.
25—Death keeps no calendar.
26—All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
27—No man can serve two masters.
28—That which will not be butter must be made into cheese.
29—You must cut your coat according to your cloth.
30—Speak the truth and shame the devil.

Mrs. James L. Mason,
Winner of the First Prize.

LIST OF THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY SOLVED THE PROVERBS

We, the undersigned Committee selected by the Pittsburgh Gazette, to make the awards to the contestants who sent in the nearest correct solutions to the 30 Proverb Picture Problems printed in The Gazette from Nov 9th to Dec 4th inclusive after a thorough examination of the contestants papers and careful consideration of the rules governing the contest hereby certify that the awards as attached hereto are correctly made under the terms of the contest.

H. McReedy
Jno A Brashear
L. E. Palmer

Mrs. James L. Mason, 710 Sandusky street, Allegheny, Pa.	$ 250 00
Jessie Phillips, 391 West Church street, Newark, O.	100 00
Clara M. Gerwig, 507 Franklin avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	50 00
G. R. Broadberry, 729 Maryland avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	29 17
L. B. Arthur, 13 North Fifth street, Zanesville, O.	29 17
J. Lincoln Smith, 319 Main street, Zanesville, O.	29 17
Anna Dague, R. R. No. 21, Scenery Hill, Pa.	29 17
I. A. Batz, Argos, Ind.	29 17
D. K. Boas, 526 Winebiddle avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	29 17
Charles L. Thurber, Park Hotel, Columbus, O.	25 00
Mary Muntz, Hillsboro, O.	25 00
R. O. Littlefield, 23 Stonehurst street, Dorchester, Mass.	25 00
Anna Morgan, Waverly, O.	10 00
Martha B. Simpson, 420 Graham street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	10 00
J. C. Chambers, Option, Pa.	10 00
J. C. Coleman, 17 Cliff street, Braddock, Pa.	10 00
Charles M. Earhart, Waverly, O.	10 00
D. W. Williams, Cygnet, O.	10 00
Jennie McEnulty, 448 Franklin street, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	10 00
Mrs. M. S. Reese, 1444 South street, Toledo, O.	10 00
Harry V. Martin, 524 West Fourth street, Cincinnati, O.	10 00
Jennie M. Chisholm, C. D. & P. Telephone Co., Seventh avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	10 00
Mrs. A. C. Getchell, 4 Hartford street, Dorchester, Mass.	10 00
C. H. Oler, P. O. Dormitory, Pittsburgh, Pa.	10 00
John E. Raisbeck, 314 East Sixth street, Cincinnati, O.	10 00
W. R. Kubley, Argos, Ind.	10 00
Walter H. Bailey, 13 Oakland square, Pittsburgh, Pa.	10 00
Harry Dangerfield, Steuben street, Crafton, Pa.	5 00
Isobel M. Fleming, Rosslyn Farm, Carnegie, Pa.	5 00
J. D. Harper, Coraopolis, Pa.	5 00
Martha McBride, Youngwood, Pa.	5 00
John M. Koch, 3310 Ward street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5 00
J. H. Rese, 54 Superior avenue, Allegheny, Pa.	5 00
H. E. Gilmore, 331 Collins avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5 00
Mrs. Charles F. Berndt, 243 Poplar avenue, Columbus, O.	5 00
Adah R. McClintock, Carrick, Pa.	5 00
Alfred Penrose, Moxahala, O.	5 00
Arthur E. Moon, 718 North avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	5 00
Samuel J. Tucker, West Elizabeth, Pa., Box 306	5 00
Frank Kenworthy, 3353 Howley street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5 00
Hattie Jean Mann, 714 North avenue, West, Allegheny, Pa.	5 00
Edgar E. Long, 4740 Friendship avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5 00
W. H. Weems, Youngwood, Pa.	5 00
Paul G. Winston, 518 East End avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5 00
F. E. Mather, 7341 Bennett street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5 00
E. Tidlund, 6309 Marchand street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5 00
Elverna Mohler, Freedom, Pa.	5 00
C. Kendall, City Hall, Boston, Mass.	5 00
E. E. Wible, M. D., Munhall, Pa.	5 00
Mrs. W. B. Cochrane, 90 White street, East Boston, Mass.	5 00
Mrs. John P. McGill, 211 W. La Salle avenue, South Bend, Ind.	5 00
Herbert Hoffman, 3364 Webster avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5 00
John L. High, 406 Grant street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5 00
W. L. Scribner, 311 Colonial building, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	5 00
Etta M. Sharpless, 1213 Poplar street, Allegheny, Pa.	5 00
J. M. Robinson, R. M. S. dormitory, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5 00
Holliday Denlinger, 420 South avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	5 00
Ben Hartman, 233 N. Market street, Wooster, O.	5 00
J. F. Tilley, 8 Market street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5 00
Thomas C. Baldridge, 440 Patterson avenue, McKeesport, Pa.	5 00
Ella Shriver, 234 W. Pleasant street, Hillsboro, O.	5 00
William A. Chisholm, 211 S. Diamond street, West, Allegheny	5 00
W. C. Staunton, 508 South McKinley street, Canton, O.	1 63
Sarah Clarke, Bardstown, Ky.	1 63
N. M. Gibson, Jackman avenue, Avalon, Pa.	1 63
Blanche S. Walker, 403 Iroquois apartments, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 63
Mrs. C. W. Scheck, 49 Beltzhoover avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 63
James S. Canning, Brookville, Pa.	1 63
Everett C. Noah, 711 Ellsworth street, Allegheny, Pa.	1 63
W. E. C. Powell, 48 Water street, Boston, Mass.	1 63
W. L. Augustine, Columbiana, O.	1 63
Mrs. Sara G. Allison, 105 West Montgomery avenue, Allegheny, Pa.	1 63
E. M. Wilson, 119 Linden avenue, Edgewood, Pa.	1 63
Mary F. Jenkins, Glenfield, Pa.	1 63
C. G. Day, 611 Ridge avenue, Allegheny, Pa.	1 63
Charles E. Harper, Coraopolis, Pa.	1 63
J. W. Kennedy, 316 Eleventh avenue, New Brighton, Pa.	1 63
Mrs. G. W. Blakeslee, 801 Forest avenue, Avalon, Pa.	1 63
Herbert R. Line, New Kensington, Pa.	1 63
Louise Risher, 319 Twelfth avenue, Homestead, Pa.	1 63
Walter S. Kennington, 303 Spahr building, Columbus, O.	1 63
E. L. McAfee, 911 Westinghouse building, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 63
Mrs. W. H. Conrad, 230 Shetland avenue, Pittsburgh	1 63
Alma Scheck, 88 Allen avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 63
Mrs. Cora Myer, 7318 Tacoma street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 63
Grace Gaylord, Sharpsville, Pa.	1 63
Alice B. Hill, Hillsboro, O.	1 63
Jennie E. Beam, 604 Bank for Savings building, Pittsburgh	1 63
Dollie B. Stratton, West Liberty, O.	1 63
A. T. Morgan, 831 N. New Jersey street, Indianapolis, Ind.	1 63
Emily Shrimplin, 411 Park avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 63
M. Lizzie Smith, 20 Wibird street, Portsmouth, N. H.	1 63
James A. Woolf, Blairsville, Pa.	1 63
J. C. Scott, 624 South Lang avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 63
P. P. Reese, Carnegie hotel, Munhall, Pa.	1 00
L. G. Logue, 2204 Main street, Sharpsburg, Pa.	1 00
William F. Roth, 923 Western avenue, Allegheny, Pa.	1 00
Augusta Smith, 1500 Federal street, Allegheny, Pa.	1 00
William H. Bryan, Carnegie Pa.	1 00
Lucy Corbin, 2448 Dayton avenue, Columbus, O.	1 00
Magdalena Herman, Sharpsburg, Pa.	1 00
Florence Rigg, Callensburg, Pa.	1 00
Ed Mallory, 254 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. N. A. Bell, 314 Lookout avenue, Butler, Pa.	1 00
Helen A. Houghton, 47 West street, Leominster, Mass.	1 00
A. L. Kuhn, 417 Carnegie building, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Helen S. Bailey, 159 Kaercher street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. Harry Dolan, 8 Terrace street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Charles C. Reel, 215 West Ohio street, Allegheny, Pa.	1 00
C. H. Runger, 845 North St. Clair street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
H. S. Young, 65 Amanda avenue, Knoxville, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
F. M. G. Camp, 715 Filbert street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. John P. Donnan, 309 N. Fourth street, Steubenville, O.	1 00
Violet Swaney, Washington Pa.	1 00
R. K. Williams, 7111 Kelley street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. J. K. Scott, Baden, Pa.	1 00
Katherine Giering, Third ward school, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. I. V. Stephens, Coraopolis, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. E. F. Murphy, 72 Marion street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. Robert Clark, Mt. Oliver station, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Lewis Day, 6338 Marchand street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
F. P. Seville, 1107 Franklin avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	1 00
William Louis, 922 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Olive G. Louraine, Beaver Falls, Pa.	1 00
Ellen Dickson, 73 Grant avenue, New Castle, Pa.	1 00
C. B. McCabe, 84 Lobinger avenue, Braddock, Pa.	1 00
L. F. Stitzell, Broadway pumping station, Allegheny, Pa.	1 00
Peter McCabe, care George Miller, Pitcairn, Pa.	1 00
J. F. Smith, Cygnet, O., box 203.	1 00
S. Llewelyn, Munhall, Pa.	1 00
V. W. Kline, 112 Hallett place, Bellevue, Pa.	1 00
Martha R. Boyd, 403 California avenue, Allegheny, Pa.	1 00
J. B. Helser, West Jefferson, O.	1 00
J. B. MacDonald, 321 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Guy P. Bachop, 1436 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
E. W. Washabaugh, 5100 S. Atlantic avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Linnie Rowley, 912 Washington avenue, Carnegie, Pa.	1 00
V. M. Grubb, 417 Federal building, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Louise McAnallen, 1200 Esplanade street, Allegheny, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. J. D. Huisman, 32 Harrison street, Crafton, Pa.	1 00
E. A. Stephenson, 20 Division street, Crafton, Pa.	1 00
A. H. Sawyer, State house, Columbus, O.	1 00
L. R. Close, 1926 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. E. F. McGuire, 356 W. First avenue, Columbus, O.	1 00
Ludwig Bernhard, 3371 Madison avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Anna M. Allen, 206 Twenty-sixth street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Dorothy May Ford, 10 Whitney terrace, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Carrie Minor, Toronto, O.	1 00
Mrs. Alex. M. Jackson, E. Arlington avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
J. Q. A. McCormick, room 625, Union station, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Charles A. Pontius, 725 Liberty street, Allegheny, Pa.	1 00
Merta Boyles, DuBois, Pa.	1 00
C. H. Beuchler, 611 Diamond street, Allegheny, Pa.	1 00
Bessie M. McClure, 634 Kirtland street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Frank L. Jackson, 60 Mercer street, Greenville, Pa.	1 00
Edward F. Kram, 408 Market street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
Elizabeth E. Craig, Beaver, Pa.	1 00
R. W. Shields, 24 Greenbush street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
G. C. Snyder, Moxahala, O.	50
Birdie S. Cherry, 5627 Margaretta street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
Ada E. Rotherham, 219 Tenth avenue, McKeesport, Pa.	50
Mrs. Jennie Fulcon, East Brady, Pa.	50
C. E. Stevens, Oil City, Pa.	50
Mrs. C. M. Clark, 448 Fourth street, Braddock, Pa.	50
D. O. Jones, 1942 Forbes street, street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
M. A. Walton, Gloucester, Mass.	50
E. B. Rice, 50 Main street, Brockton, Mass.	50
Mrs. Hiram Kent, Waynesburg, Pa.	50
Eva Rogaliner, 1239 Fayette street, Allegheny, Pa.	50
William Y. Hutchinson, 809 Forest avenue, Avalon, Pa.	50
William J. Beckfield, Jr., Burkl place, Bellevue, Pa.	50
Mrs. Alfred J. Douglass, 47 Bayne avenue, Bellevue, Pa.	50
W. K. Cooper, New Kensington, Pa.	50
Lida E. Johnson, Castle Shannon, Pa.	50
Lilla B. Tanner, 724 Whitney avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	50
Mrs. E. L. McCully, 1520 Federal street, Allegheny, Pa.	50
Mrs. Harry Speer, 722½ Copeland street, Allegheny, Pa.	50
H. G. Womsley, 600 Westinghouse building, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
J. C. Shaffer, 318 Sixteenth avenue, Homestead, Pa.	50
Harry H. Myers, 3 Moultrie street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
C. D. Blackburn, 472 Campbell street, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	50
Mrs. J. G. Handy, Merrimac and Grandview avenue, Pittsburgh.	50
W. A. McVicar, 217 Anderson street, Allegheny, Pa.	50
Minnie J. Dawson, 26 Park View avenue, Allegheny, Pa.	50
D. W. Radebaugh, 7311 Tuscaroras street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
L. E. Mansfield, Beaver, Pa.	50
Lillian M. Laurin, Beaver Falls, Pa.	50
J. S. Davidson, Baden, Pa.	50
Mrs. J. S. Davidson, Baden, Pa.	50
Mrs. C. H. Dater, 4221 Hamilton avenue, Cincinnati, O.	50
Mrs. Jessie White, 51 Ellsworth avenue, Salem, O.	50
J. C. Youngson, 5801 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
Con Nelson, Zanesville, O.	50
Mamie E. Boyd, 1224 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
Alberta Rice, Sewickley, Pa.	50
J. W. Miller, 215 Biddle avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	50
Elizabeth Unks, box 386, Quaker City, O.	50
Annie Fuller, 233 W. Main street, Hillsboro, O.	50
Josephine Hamill, 1224 S. Sixth street, Terre Haute, Ind.	50
W. N. King, Camden, Pa.	50
William Whalen, 501 Dickson street, Homestead, Pa.	50
Laura E. Householder, Tenth street, Oakmont, Pa.	50
Lillian Dunn, 518 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
Edwin Stuart Baker, 502 W. First street, Oil City, Pa.	50
William S. Harmony, 1150 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
Olive S. Kerr, 1016 Ninth avenue, Beaver Falls, Pa.	50
George Hosack, 849 Inwood street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
E. L. Campbell, 502 Jackson street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
A. Sheldon, 229 Belmont avenue, Canonsburg, Pa.	50
H. A. Schreffler, 503 Union station, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
Mrs. Emma McWilliams, Latrobe, Pa.	50
S. Louise Hoskinson, 5536 Kentucky avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
Anna Bevan, 808 Third street, Versailles, Pa.	50
Mrs. Lucy S. Goode, 1008 Portland street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50
215 prizes, aggregating	$1,119 68

PRINCIPAL SUCCESSFUL SOLVERS GIVE PLAN BY WHICH THEY WORKED

Prize Winners Tell of the Methods They Sought to Attain Success.

THEY ALL SOUGHT EDUCATION

Immediately after the committee on awards had assured themselves of the identity of the winners of the principal prizes, letters were written the most successful competitors asking them to relate their experiences and the methods employed by them in reaching their conclusions. These candidates were informed that indications pointed to their sharing in the awards, but no announcement was made previous to the mailing of the checks yesterday, just what prizes had been awarded them.

As nothing succeeds like success it will be well for those now engaging in the second and greater proverb contest to take into consideration the experiences by which these successful contestants attained their reward.

Capital Prize Winner Did Not Guess.

Allegheny, Pa.,
December 17, 1904.

To the Manager, Proverb Contest, The Gazette, Pittsburgh, Pa.

My Dear Sir:—In response to your request for a brief statement explaining the method adopted in my study of proverb problems during the contest recently closed, would say that I discovered on the first day that guessing at suitable answers to the illustrations would be an idle pastime; and to trust to memory for the correct wording—even for the so-called "easy ones"—would be equally unsatisfactory.

After carefully reading again the announcement in The Gazette, I commenced at once the study of works on proverbs, and became deeply absorbed in what proved to be the most pleasant, educational entertainment that I have enjoyed since my college days.

A few of the illustrations gave me some trouble, but throughout the contest I kept in view the fact that a correct answer to every problem could be found somewhere in the many thousands of proverbs. It may be of interest to add that I did not "pool" answers with other solvers, nor receive any help from friends; in fact, do not at the present time know the name of any other contestant.

Anticipating pleasure in continuing to "Watch the Old Lady Grow Young," I remain, Most gratefully yours,
MRS. JAMES L. MASON,
710 Sandusky Street.

Jessie Philipps, Newark, O.
Winner of the Second Prize.

Winner of $100 Surprised.

Newark, O.,
December 15, 1904.

Manager Proverb Contest, Pittsburgh Gazette.

Dear Sir:—It was with great surprise and pleasure that I received notice naming me as one of the prize winners in your Proverb Contest. I consider a Proverb hunt as an advancement in the educational line, even if one were not lucky enough to secure a prize. Complimenting you on the promptness and dispatch with which you informed the prize winners, I am

Yours sincerely,
JESSIE PHILLIPS.
391 W. Church Street.

Interested from Start.

Wilkinsburg,
December 17, 1904.

The Gazette:

The Proverb Contest interested me from the beginning. At first the picture puzzles seemed so simple that I thought I would have no trouble at all, but when it came to the thirteenth I found it necessary to rack my brains and consult different authors.

I entered the contest mainly for educational advantages, and found it so interesting I was sorry when the last came. Several of the pictures seemed hard at first, but after a little study and consultation at the library, and finding an applicable proverb, the picture seemed to speak for itself.

To me in very many of the pictures, the coon was a decided help. I found none that I thought were in any way misleading, except the nineteenth, for which I could get no clew. The proverb study was a great help and pleasure to me indeed.
MISS C. M. GERWIG,
507 Franklin Avenue,
Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Got Interested and Won.

Pittsburgh,
December 14, 1904.

The Manager, Proverb Contest, Care The Gazette, Pittsburgh, Pa.

My Dear Sir:—My experience in the first Proverb Contest I ever entered or heard of has been a great pleasure to me. Some weeks ago I received in my mail a circular of particulars regarding the contest, and an invitation to join in trying to solve the pictures.

My curiosity was aroused, and although not a regular subscriber or reader of The Gazette, I found myself buying it every morning and acquiring the hobby of trying to solve the proverb pictures. This habit grew stronger as the contest progressed, and without any idea of becoming a contestant—much less a successful one—I found my interest increasing until the contest closed with the last picture. Not until then did I determine to send in my answers, and I was many proverbs behind.

Finally at 4 o'clock last Saturday morning I finished my list, having sat up until after 2 o'clock every morning of the last week working over the solutions. This contest has proved a great pleasure and benefit to me and the knowledge I have gained of the many quaint, sensible, and witty sayings in the English language, will, I feel, prove of lasting value. The whole idea of the contest seemed to me so unique, that I think The Gazette should be complimented on having devised it, and a further word of praise should be given for the successful and impartial manner in which it has been conducted.

If "Proverbs are the wisdom of ages," as someone has said, you have certainly made good your contention that the contest would be of great educational value, as we who have followed the contest from the beginning may reasonably hope to have picked up a few grains of knowledge in our search for the solutions of the pictures.

Thanking you for the pleasure and the benefit I have derived through channels opened up by your Proverb Contest, and with best wishes for The Gazette, believe me

Yours very truly,
GILDEN R. BROADBERRY.

He Still Has Troubles.

Columbus, O.,
December 15, 1904.

Manager Proverb Contest, The Pittsburgh Gazette, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:—Your welcome favor advising me that I would be one of the prize winners just received.

If I only knew which one of the winners I am, how much easier it would be to tell my story. If I knew that I had won first prize, how important and self-satisfied I could become. I would simply tell you that I went in to win and won—that I "seen my duty and done it." But I am as uncertain where I have landed in that prize list as I was and am as to the right solution of that nerve-racking, brain-destroying, unlucky-numbered balloon, which even upset the coon. I may be prize winner No. 167, and a proud, triumphant story wouldn't be right at all. Oh, for the services of our friend, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, to tell where I am at!

I thought after I had "read the conditions carefully" and then read them carefuly again and again, and had worked for a solid month to get the right solutions, that my troubles were over. I thought, after I had studied and worked, and dreamed, over the hard ones, and then was sure I was right, and then, again, was sure I was wrong; after I had watched every word to see if it was spelled correctly, and puctuated correctly, and that I had the answer on the proper blank, and I was sure it was the right

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D. K. BOAS,
One of the Fourth Place Winners.

J. LINCOLN SMITH,
One of the Fourth Place Winners.

LEWIS E. ARTHUR,
One of the Fourth Place Winners.

ANNA DAGUE,
One of the Fourth Place Winners.

I. A. BATZ,
One of the Fourth Place Winners.

G. R. BROADBERRY,
One of the Fourth Place Winners.

CHARLES L. THURBER,
One of the $25 Prize Winners.

RUSSIAN ANTIQUES VERY HARD TO GET

Richard Mansfied Had a Hard Time Making His Collection for a Russian Play.

It is an interesting fact that the operation of the law of supply and demand is as active in the narrow byways of the curio stores as on the wider marts of trade. Richard Mansfield, the actor, had a singular and rather annoying illustration of this fact when it became necessary for him to go after the accessories of the one new play that is in his repertoire this season. Mr. Mansfield's case is illustrative also of the fact that in the way of curio collections and antiques the American shops are not altogether behind in the procession.

"Never in all my experience was I put to such diplomacy as in gathering together the jewels, ikons, vessels and other Russian antiques for "Ivan the Terrible," said Mr. Mansfield.

"Who laid the obstacles? The Russians? Not at all. You think, perhaps, there was a question of what to get? Not the slightest. Our own study fortified by the kindly assistance of celebrated Russian connoisseurs who volunteered to assist the moment they learned that their national dramatic epic was to be presented in America soon cleared that much of the path. We knew what was needed. We knew where to get it. And just there was the difficulty. It was, in the terms of the doll's dressmaker, the tricks and the manners of the dealers in antique who had what we wanted.

"The war in the east begot an unusual interest in Russian brass and bronze in Russian ikons and sacred vessels, in fact all things Russian which had their beginning in Tzardom when St. Petersburg was not and Moscow was the capital. Prices to begin with were high enough. But when 'Ivan the Terrible' was announced for production the antique dealers added a stiff per centum to everything they thought I wanted.

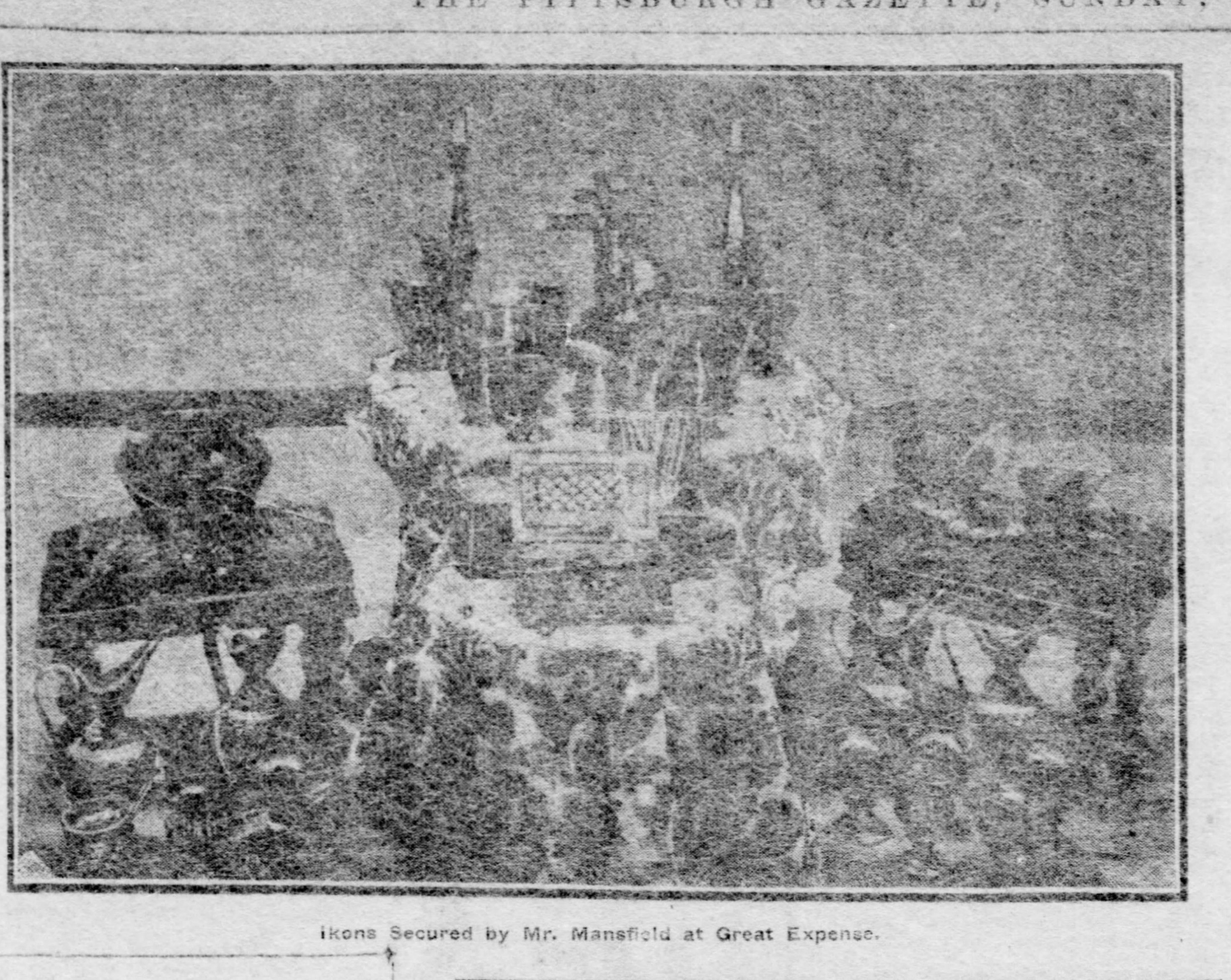
"It suggested a conspiracy. It certainly was annoying. But the situation had to be met and simili similibus seemed to be the medicine, so conspiracy was met with—conspiracy. Well we did have some fun out of the situation before all we wanted had been gathered in."

So one day an item appeared in all the New York papers that Mr. Mansfield had decided to abandon the production of "Ivan the Terrible." With admirable system at least one casual visitor to each of the second hand stores within a day or two brought this item about the abandonment of Ivan to the attention of the proprietor. After a few days prices subsided to normal. In some cases to less than the original markings.

Of course Mr. Mansfield and his assistants had memoranda of just where all the things he wanted were. Gradually the antique dealers got rid of their Russian treasures. Curiously they began to sell the Russian antiques to customers who came in with no apparent intention of buying anything Russian. But more curiously when the treasures had been sold out Mansfield again announced the first night of "Ivan the Terrible," and most curiously the dealers present on the first night saw the stage rich in their rare and invaluable Russian antiques.

No one thing displayed in "Ivan the Terrible" cost more time, trouble and expense, however, than the precious ikons. These are mediaeval sacred paintings framed in exquisite hammered silver frames. They hang in every Russian house. Naturally in the palace of so extravagant and superstitious a monarch as Tzar Ivan the ikons would be extraordinary examples of this branch of artistic craftmanship. Genuine specimens are as rare and expensive as a genuine mediaeval tripstitch from the altar of an Italian cathedral.

The Mansfield version of "Ivan the Terrible" was made by a daughter of an Admiral Radford of the United States navy, Madame Sophie de Meissner. This gifted lady is the widow of a Russian diplomat and enjoys the entree at court. She made a special trip to St. Petersburg for Mr. Mansfield and brought back photographs and drawings for the scenes all of which represent actual places in Russia; descriptions of historical costumes; and many rare fabrics woven abroad for Mr. Mansfield.



Ikons Secured by Mr. Mansfield at Great Expense.

IT WAS SURREPTITIOUS.

Therefore Policeman in Patrol Box Was Scared, Thinking Business Man Was the Lieutenant.

It was cold yesterday when a business man who lives in a fine house in the East End started out for a walk. It was just at the hour of the day when his street was practically deserted, although the sun was shining brightly and seemed to invite pedestrians to indulge in brisk exercise. Right near the business man's house is a police patrol box and as he passed it he heard the policeman on the beat talking in the box, evidently through the telephone.

"You say, sergeant, that the lieutenant started out 10 minutes ago to find me?" the business man heard the copper say.

The door of the patrol box was almost entirely closed, but through the crack came a perfect cloud of tobacco smoke. Evidently the policeman was enjoying a few surreptitious puffs, although it is strictly against the rules to smoke on duty, unless between the hours of midnight and dawn. Now the business man likes the policeman on the beat and sympathized with his rule-breaking tobacco puffing, but he thought this was a good time to give him a friendly scare. So stepping up to the box he shook the door a moment and then threw it wide open.

The policeman had evidently felt a sudden alarm, for his face was red, and although the box was full of smoke no cigar, pipe, toby or cigarette was in sight.

"Lord," said the policeman, "I thought you was the 'lieut.' I had looked up and down the street and couldn't see him and thought I would take a smoke. When I heard you I thought he suspected and had snuck up on me."

"Where's your toby?" said the business man.

"I put it under my helmet," began the policeman. "Wow," he yelled, as he snatched off that useful headgear, while the smell of burning hair spread its aroma for yards around. He had popped the dangerous evidence under his helmet and in making his explanations to the business man forgot all about it. A patch as big as a dollar on the top of his head was singed, and the burning end of the cigar had scorched his scalp.

While he ruefully rubbed the sore spot the business man said: "Leave the door open and I'll watch for the lieutenant," but the copper, knowing the "lieut.," thanked him.

MIRRORS ON THEIR FEET.

Habitues of Safety Palace Joins Club in Interest of Greater Personal Embellishment.

Several days ago Superintendent of Police Wallace gave Henry Johnston permission to place a boot blacking stand in the safety building. Director Moore heard the colored boy was established there, but gave the matter no attention. Yesterday he entered the detective bureau and noticed the clean and tidy appearance of the detectives. On their shoes was a brilliant polish; their clothing and hats were absolutely spotless. As the director walked out of the office he met Superintendent Wallace.

"Alec, what has come over those fellows?" asked Moore. "They look so neat and clean."

"Oh there is a kid back in the hallway that blackens their shoes twice a day and once on Sunday for 25 cents a week," replied Wallace. "The boy has a club made up of detectives, policemen, newspapermen and the superintendent of police. For a quarter a week he promises to keep us looking as natty as new pins."

There is little doubt but that the director was pleased with the innovation.

GETTING A VIEW OF THEIR BLOOMIN' SELVES

LONDON, Dec. 17.—It is sometimes well to catch a glimpse of ourselves as others see us. A series of articles is now being contributed by prominent foreign and colonial writers concerning British customs and institutions, and a most remarkable picture is given of England and English society from many points of view. Well may we rub our eyes and wonder whether we are what we are said to be! Strange though it may seem, we thought we were very different! London as it is, and London as it looks to foreign eyes, is strangely at variance; the question is, which is which?

STRUGGLE ON TO GREAT SUCCESS

Pittsburgh College This Week Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Its Founding.

HAD AN HUMBLE BEGINNING

Next week will witness the celebration of the silver jubilee of Pittsburgh college. Aside from the knowledge that for some time the college has been in the fullness of a great prosperity, but little is known of the history of the school, excepting among those who have taken an interest in its welfare. The following historical sketch should, therefore, prove interesting at this time:

The founder of Pittsburgh College of the Holy Ghost was the late Very Rev. Joseph Strub, C. S. Sp. Father Strub was born in the diocese of Strasburg in 1833, entered the Holy Ghost order in 1854, was ordained priest in Dakar, Africa, in 1858, and was appointed provincial of the German houses soon after his return to Europe in 1863. When Bismarck began his war against the church in 1872 the members of the order were expelled from Germany and forced to seek a refuge beneath the Stars and Stripes of the United States. There was at that time great demand for German priests in the diocese of Pittsburgh, and Father Strub was invited to take charge of St. Mary's church, Sharpsburg. This position he continued to fill until 1878. In that year, at the pressing invitation of the late Right Rev. Bishop Domenec, he undertook to open a school in which the members of his order aided by competent laymen, would give instruction in the classical, scientific and commercial branches, combined with sound religious training.

Origin of the College.

Father Strub found it no easy task to secure a structure suitable for his purpose. At last, on August 3, after many inquiries and disappointments, he decided on a spacious building located at the corner of Wylie avenue and Federal street. The accommodations were not ideal. A Scotch Presbyterian utilized one-half of the basement for a merchant-tailoring establishment, and a German Lutheran baked bread for his many customers in the other half. The second floor was arranged for class rooms, but, these not sufficing, a third story was subsequently added, the yearly rental being $2,000.

The new college opened for the admission of students on October 1. Forty were enrolled. One hundred and twenty-four students were registered at the reopening in September. This increase in numbers, and the still further increase in the following year, suggested to Father Power and his fellow-laborers the advisability of providing a larger building with suitable grounds. In accordance with their views, Father Strub purchased several lots at the corner of Bluff and Cooper streets.

Laid the Corner Stone.

On Sunday, April 20, 1884, everything was ready for the laying of the corner stone. This imposing ceremony was performed by our present bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Richard Phelan, at that time vicar general of the diocese. A vast concourse of 30,000 persons had assembled to honor the occasion by their presence and to listen to the eloquent Monsignor Capel.

The new college building, though occupied since the previous April 14, was formally opened on May 3, 1885. All the Catholic societies of Western Pennsylvania were represented, having marched to the college building headed by their bands. The vast assemblage was addressed by the late Very Rev. W. Pollard in English, and by the Rev. Father Bernard, C. P., in German.

Father Power was called to Europe and was succeeded by the Rev. John Willms, C. S. Sp., a member of the staff.

Arrival of the Rev. Murphy.

On August 19, 1886, the Very Rev. John Toohill Murphy, C. E. Sp., arrived in Pittsburgh to take charge of the institution. Recognizing the importance of scientific studies in this vast manufacturing city, he gave a new impulse to the study of physics and chemistry, and, with the aid of generous friends, both clerical and lay, he established a well equipped laboratory with a full stock of apparatus. The commercial course he supplemented with an actual business course, where theory and practice go hand in hand, and he raised the standard and widened the curriculum of the classical department, so that the graduates might enjoy all the advantages of the most liberal training in literature and mathematics.

On the 27th of January, 1890, the college sustained a great loss in the death of its founder, the Very Rev. Father Strub. The lamented Father Strub had, for successor, the Rev. Joseph Oster. The new provincial and superior of the communities in the college soon endeared himself to pupils and alumini by his kindly and paternal ways.

Organizing the Societies.

A few days after the death of Father Strub, Father Murphy preached the first of the now annual retreats to the student body, and inaugurated the custom of approaching the holy table on the first Friday of each month. He organized the Sodalities of the Child Jesus, the Holy Angels, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Holy Ghost.

In April, 1891, the college lost the valuable services of the Rev. Eugene Phelan. He was replaced by the Rev. M. A. Hehir. In the following year another member of the faculty was withdrawn, the Rev. A. J. Zielenbach.

For many years the need of a college chapel was sadly felt. In June, 1894, ground was broken for the erection of the new building. In September, the corner stone was laid, and on February 3 of the following year, the chapel was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. R. Phelan, bishop of Pittsburgh. The recently appointed vicar general of the diocese, Very Rev. E. A. Busch, celebrated the solemn high mass. The Rt. Rev. P. J. Donahue, bishop of Wheeling, delivered a noble and eloquent discourse on the holiness of the place.

The College Bulletin.

In the Fall of '94 appeared the first number of the College Bulletin. The management was entrusted to the Rev. P. A. McDermott. During the first four years of its existence, the Bulletin was issued as a quarterly. Since October, 1898, it has been conducted as a monthly publication.

On March 25, 1897, Dr. Conaty, the newly appointed rector of the Catholic university, honored the college with a visit. June 21 of the same year saw the chapel enriched with the relics of the boy martyr, St. Romulus. The body had been exhumed in the pontificate of Urban VIII, and the authenticity of the relics was duly established. Father Murphy procured these relics from the custodian, a famous Franciscan friar, and Mr. J. Dawson Callery defrayed the expenses of their transportation from Rome to Pittsburgh. They now lie beneath the altar.

On the departure of Father Murphy the college was most fortunate in the appointment of the Very Rev. M. A. Hehir, C. S. Sp., to the presidency. Father Hehir was born in 1855 near Kildysart, County Clare, Ireland. He began Latin in a classical school in his native county, and entered Blackrock college in 1872. After graduating in 1877 and fulfilling the duties of teacher and assistant disciplinarian until 1880, he went to Paris to pursue his theological studies. There he was ordained in 1883, and professed in the following year. After a short vacation spent at home, he was sent to Pittsburgh.

Great Legal Triumph.

One of the greatest triumphs of Father Hehir's administration was achieved in March, 1902. Arrears of taxes on the college buildings and property had been accumulating during the previous 17 years. The assessment for 1901 amounted to $2,300 36. Father Hehir, confident in the strength of his position and the weight of his argument, urged the legal representative of the college to lay their case before the court of common pleas. The court decided that the property referred to is exempt from taxation and gave judgment accordingly.

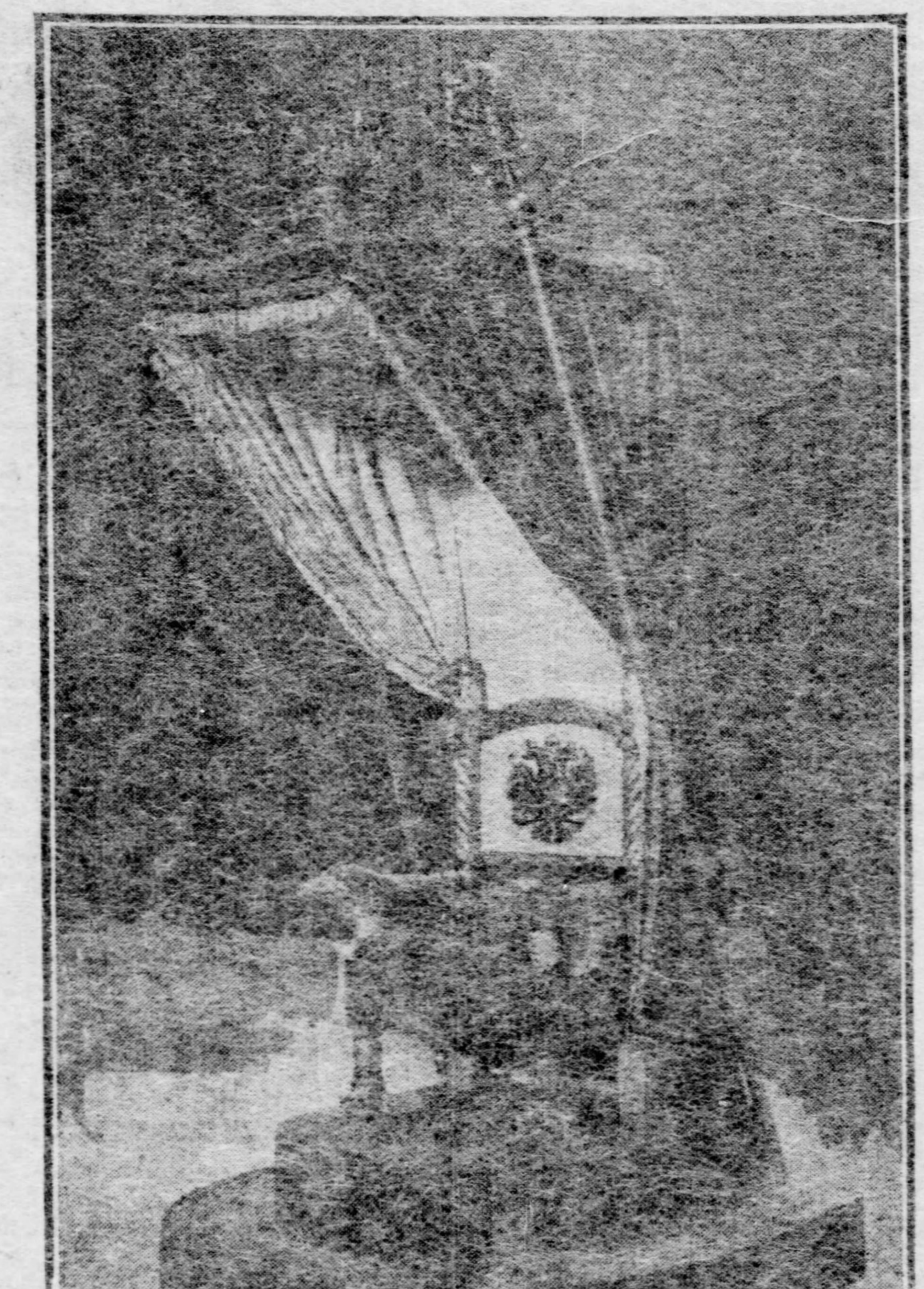
The Rev. P. A. McDermott, perhaps the best known member of the faculty, bade farewell to Pittsburgh in July, 1902. Consumed with an ardent desire to work for the salvation of the most abandoned souls, he volunteered for the African missions, and his services were accepted by the mother house in Paris, which appointed him to the evangelization of Southern Nigeria, West Africa.

Father F. A. McDermott was succeeded in the important office of vice president and prefect of studies by the Rev. H. J. McDermott. Though born and educated in Ireland, Father McDermott has spent his whole life, so to say, in laboring for the higher education of the American youth. He came to the college in 1887 as prefect and professor. After his ordination in 1901, he filled, for six years, the responsible position of prefect of discipline.

The College Faculty.

In May, 1903, the college entertained within its walls another distinguished visitor in the person of the Rt. Rev. Alexander Le Roy, bishop of Alinda and superior general of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost. He was accompanied by the Very Rev. A. J. Zielenbach, C. S. Sp., head of the American province.

The faculty of the present scholastic year is comprised of the following gentlemen: The Very Rev. M. A. Hehir, president; the Revs. H. J. McDermott, vice president; the Revs. J. Griffin, A. J. Rumbach, G. Lee, J. M. Deasler, J. G. Lestrohan, T. A. Giblin, H. J. Goebel, J. J. Laux, J. P. Danner, J. J. Schroetfel, M. J. Sonnefeld, T. A. Eisele, J. A. Callahan, A. B. Mehler, Messrs. J. A. Baumgartner, J. A. Riley, G. J. Schalz, P. J. O'Connor, W. J. Fandraj, J. B. Topham, C. B. Weis, J. W. Quinn, P. W. Cronin, J. F. Chambers and M. F. Dolan.



Throne Used in "Ivan, the Terrible."

GERMAN VESSEL JOINS THE BALTIC SQUADRON

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—(Special Cable.)—Another vessel is soon to leave Liban to join the Baltic squadron to the far east. It is the former North German Lloyd liner Lahn, which has been transformed into a spy ship and fitted with wireless telegraph apparatus. The old vessel which has made so many trips between Bremen and New York, looks entirely different now. The mainmast has been removed and the whole lower deck altered for the storage and letting off of captive balloons, of which five have been placed on board, besides a quantity of hydrogen generators and powerful searchlights.

LIQUID EGGS ARE SOLD BY THE CAN

Pittsburghers Eat Them By Thousands and Never Know Anything of Them.

IMPORTS ORDERED STOPPED

Liquid eggs is something the average egg user knows nothing of. They are not the kind commonly found at the "hurry up" restaurant counters and they do not sell at 5 cents each. You do not order them soft boiled or scrambled, and yet Pittsburghers eat thousands of them every year and never know it.

The liquid egg has just come to light because Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has discovered that practically all the liquid eggs imported into this country are preserved with boracic acid or with borax. These materials have been found dangerous to put into the human stomach, and Secretary Wilson has requested the secretary of the treasury to forbid any further importations of them. Thousands of cases of liquid eggs are received from Germany and other European countries.

The effect of the order, if it is carried out, will be to boom the market for the Armours, the Swifts and the other big western packing houses which make a practice of "freezing" eggs, as the dealers call it. In this country what is called a "liquid egg" is known as a "frozen egg." They are used by the hundreds of thousands of cases.

The big western packers, particularly those of Chicago, put eggs up in this way. They use only the "seconds," that is eggs which have been cracked, or are dirty, or are undersized and will not readily sell as first-class fresh eggs. If the shell of an egg gets wet or dirty it will not do for storage. Air can then work through the shell and it will spoil. So all of this kind are sorted out and frozen. Just what the formula is no local dealer could tell, but they are put up in 30-pound cans. Each can is supposed to hold the meat of a case of eggs. But it does not. A case of eggs will produce 35 to 36 pounds of meat. That is without the shell. The canned goods sell at 15 cents a pound and they are used by bakers, confectioners and coffee roasters the world over. They are cheaper than the case goods.

The Arbuckles company formerly used them by thousands of cans every year, but this company has discarded their use and now uses only fresh eggs in the shell. Mixed with sugar, the egg is used for glazing the coffee beans to preserve the flavor after they have been roasted. Nearly all of the coffee roasters have discarded their use and now use the shell article, but they are still a favorite with the bakers and confectioners.

Local dealers did not know whether the Armours, the Swifts and the other big packing companies use a preservative in their eggs or not, but they declared there is no necessity for it. Liquid eggs, when properly put up in good cans, will keep for about a year. It is this fact which makes them so readily salable.

There is another form in which eggs are put up which is not generally known to the public. That is "crystallized eggs." They are put up by a St. Louis company which has a patent on the scheme and a consequent monopoly. They sell for 60 cents a pound and the crystals will keep for a century, if necessary. These eggs are shipped to the Klondike and other faraway points where eggs of any kind would be a luxury. They are comparatively new in the market, but already have a tremendous sale and are eaten from the Arctic circle to the Antarctic circle, wherever eggs cannot be transported with safety.

PRINCIPAL SUCCESSFUL SOLVERS GIVE PLAN BY WHICH THEY WORKED

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answer; and had been so careful to cut the pictures off and only send in the answer blanks; and was sure to address them to the right address, and put on enough postage, and get them in the post-office in time—I thought the worst was over.

But the terrible suspense about the balloon, and "Watch the old lady grow young," which, in my case, became "Watch the young man grow old;" and the awful ordeal of the mummies, the tearful purse, the promising gentleman and the cow, the butter and the cheese, weren't in it with the suspense I am now under as to whether I am first or last on that prize list.

Seriously, I feel that I owe whatever prize I may have been successful in winning to the fact that I tried conscientiously to follow the conditions carefully, and just did the best I could; and, further, to the fact that I had the inspiration of a wife and three little boys, who worked with me, and all of whom wanted me to win.

Whether I am No. 1 or No. 167, I have been greatly benefited by the information I have acquired in working on these proverbs, and wish to sincerely congratulate The Gazette on its successful conception, management, and conclusion of a contest which cannot fail to be a benefit to all who engaged in it, whether prize winners or not.

With best wishes for the success of your next contest, the prosperity of The Gazette in all things, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
CHARLES L. THURBER,
Park Hotel, Columbus, O.

P. S.—I think your Sunday paper one of the best in this country.

Contest Was an Educator.

Manager Proverb Contest, City.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your request for a short statement of how I worked out the answers in the proverb contest, I beg to say that I first endeavored to apply the store of proverbs with which I am personally familiar, and then made careful and exhaustive research in a book of proverbs contained in my library.

I desire to say that I regard these contests as valuable educators. They not only increase one's stock of proverbs in familiar daily use, but teach us the importance of thorough and diligent application.

Thanking you for the interesting and instructive hours which the contest has afforded my family and myself, and for the fair and impartial manner in which you have conducted it, I am

Very truly yours,
D. K. BOAS.

Invalid Prize Winner.

Zanesville, O.,
December 15, 1904.

Manager Proverb Contest, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:—It was with great pleasure that I received your letter announcing that I was one of the prize winners in the contest recently held by The Gazette. Being an invalid, confined to a wheel chair, I possibly had more time to devote to hunting proverbs than some of the other contestants. I have several books on proverbs, and I can assure you it has been a source of great pleasure, as well as an educational feature, to determine the right answer to some particular picture. No one can hunt for proverbs without being greatly benefited.

Sincerely yours,
J. LINCOLN SMITH.
Zanesville, O.,
December 15, 1904.

Manager Proverb Contest, Pittsburgh Gazette.

Dear Sir:—I was very gladly surprised on receiving your notice stating that I was one of the prize winners. I think the contest very interesting and instructive and it afforded me much pleasure in solving the proverbs. Thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours sincerely,
LEWIS B. ARTHUR.

Studied the Illustrations.

Scenery Hill, Pa.,
December 16, 1904.

Manager Proverb Contest, The Pittsburgh Gazette.

Your communication just received. Glad to hear good news. You ask for a statement how I worked out my answers to The Pittsburgh Gazette's First Proverb Contest.

I placed myself in touch with the best authorities and worked out my answers by carefully studying the illustrations which were, indeed, well drawn. True, some were more difficult, for me, than others were—but remembering that "Perseverance brings success," I faithfully studied each illustration until a satisfactory answer could be decided upon. I found, as the manager of the contest claims, that guessing brings no good results; also found that the contest is all it claims to be—purely educational.

Truly, ANNA DAGUE.

Surprised at Success.

Waverly, O.,
December 16, 1904.

Manager Proverb Contest, The Gazette, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:—I was very much surprised and pleased to learn that I am one of the prize winners in the Proverb Contest.

By chance I came into possession of The Gazette, and in reading the paper I noticed the contest which had already begun. I studied for a while on the proverb picture in that paper and decided to enter the contest.

I eagerly waited for each issue of The Gazette and after a long and careful research, sent my answers to you.

Yours respectfully,
ANNA MORGAN.

No. 13 Made Him Worry.

December 16, 1904.

Manager Proverb Contest, The Pittsburgh Gazette, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:—Your communication of December 14 received and extend to you my sincere thanks. As to the story of how I worked out the proverbs will be glad to give it as clear as possible.

A friend of mine sent me a copy of your paper containing problem No. 1, and it being a familiar saying, I wondered if No. 2 would be along the same line, so when a number of problems came the work began in earnest.

The worst trouble I experienced was in Nos. 9 and 13. I found the more I studied on these the worse they became confused. I nearly gave up in despair, for the number of proverbs that might be applied to No. 9 was inexhaustible, so I just did some more thinking and used more blanks.

I must say, however, that No. 13 proved the "sticker" for me, so by using extra blanks freely on the puzzling numbers and putting in every possible answer, was my plan. I must express my satisfaction with the manner in which contestants were treated. The contest has been interesting and the instruction gained was well worth the trial, aside from the generous prizes offered.

Yours for more proverb contests,
I. A. BATZ.

SANTA WILL USE RUM FOR GIFTS

A Barrel of Whisky Will Sit Under Some Peoples' Christmas Stockings.

BONDED LIQUORS IN DEMAND

Imagine Santa Claus rolling a barrel of whisky down a chimney. The Christmas saint is a temperance advocate, but he is a strenuous opponent of teetotalism and evidently sees no harm in brandy in the mince pie or a quart of good liquor as a gift. For years he has been making people happy with generous presents of spirits, but he will be surprised even himself when he finds that at least two Pittsburghers next week will each receive a barrel of fine liquor.

A barrel of whisky is a princely gift. It is a token that will grow more valuable as it grows older and contains goods of a quality that does not grow obsolete. A barrel contains 46 gallons and costs the distiller nearly $4 a gallon after it has reached the age of 12 years. A good deal of Christmas liquor is less than half that age, but the two barrels which Santa Claus has engaged for local delivery have been in the warehouse for 15 years.

Pittsburgh is one of the greatest liquor-consuming towns in the country. Cincinnati and St. Louis drink more beer, but in the consumption of straight whisky Pittsburg is comparatively in the front rank. This does not imply that drunkenness and dissipation flourish here. There are thousands who declare that there is less abuse of the liquor traffic here than in many other cities and that there is manifestly less intoxication than in other communities where the rum traffic is prohibited. Santa Claus probably would concur in this opinion.

Wants Bonded Goods Only.

Of course there are many good people who hold up their hands in horror of this and deplore the giving of whisky at Christmas times, but the fact remains the same and it is interesting to see how Santa Claus manages his rum distribution.

The Pittsburgher wants his whisky bottled in bond. When he sees a bottle that does not bear Uncle Sam's revenue label he grows suspicious. The man from Pittsburgh considers himself a deft judge of the rye still and can instantly discern the various grades and proofs of the familiar brands that come from the Monongabela valley. Down in Kentucky the same is true of their fastidious selection of sour mash whisky, and bottles that are not bonded have little call in the larger towns, but "up state" the products of the little obscure distilleries are in such demand that the supply is soon exhausted.

In the eastern cities any sort of goods in the whisky line goes. Scotch, Canadian rye and Maryland whisky forms the bulk of their product but the majority of the consumers know little or nothing about the merits of bonded goods. Those who have learned the trick of "taking notice" to the revenue stamps have acquired the habit from their friends in Kentucky and Western Pennsylvania.

"Even the sophisticated Pittsburgher has much to learn in buying his liquors," said a wholesale dealer. "Age isn't all the merits of good spirits and the best flavor is not to be found in the oldest barrel. An irresponsible dealer could take a lot of mouldy jugs and rusty-hooped barrels and make a fortune by giving indifferent goods. It's not the barrel with the most cobwebs that contains the finest bouquet, and then there is the danger of having liquor too old.

Faults of Old Whisky.

"Whisky that is kept in a barrel 15 years or more is practically worthless. A chemical action takes place which gives the whisky a bad flavor and makes it harmful because it absorbs tannin from the wood. At the same time evaporation takes place and one-third of the original quantity in the barrel is lost. To keep whisky properly it is necessary to place it in bottles or stones and let it age in that manner.

"What is the age of some 'private I have been told that I had been given the distinction of sipping old stuff that was distilled away back in the fifties. That may have been, but at the same time we must remember that old whisky is very much like any other cherished antique and people are prone to talk romance when they speak of the age of their private stock. It is probably true that there is some whisky up in old cellars in the Monongahela valley that was made 60 years ago.

"In Kentucky there is little old whisky. To be sure all bourbon is called 'old,' but when you go farther back than 25 years you are among the ancients there and it is only in the most obscure places that you will be able to find sour mash that can claim an age of more than 30 years."

Grandfather to Marry a Grandmother.

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 17.—A marriage license issued to William Kolb, a farmer of Upper Hanover, and Lavina Trumbauer of Pennsbury, recites that Kolb is a grandfather, 62 years of age, and a widower, while the bride-elect is a grandmother, 60 years old, and is twice a widow. "She is the best cook in the whole Montgomery county," remarked Kolb.

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SOME OF THE OPERATIONS

By MARTHA L. ROOT.

Six or seven years ago there was no established foreign exchange business in Pittsburgh, but owing to our large foreign trade, it is one of the features of local banking. This business was done first through New York agencies, but now Pittsburgh has direct foreign exchange offices of its own that are among the best systematized in the country.

Through William F. Benkiser, manager of the foreign department of the First National bank, I learned the names of several of the banks abroad with which Pittsburgh business houses deal directly. To him I am indebted for interesting facts in this article, and through his courtesy much of the data herein given is published for the first time.

The following banks are represented in Pittsburgh: The Credit Lyonais of France with a capital of 200 million francs; the Deutsche bank of Berlin, with a capital of 160 million marks; the Parr's bank of London, ranking second only to the Bank of England; the Union bank of Scotland, Banca Commerciale Italiana—Italy's youngest but most progressive institution; the Standard Bank of South Africa, the Imperial Ottoman bank of Turkey, and many others.

Elaborate Rooms in Foreign Banks.

Scores of Pittsburghers whose business interests take them abroad have been magnificently entertained in these foreign institutions. These banks have elaborate dining rooms, dainty tea apartments, and oriental smoking dens that are dreams of luxury. They possess a splendor unknown in American establishments of a similar nature. An American would hardly stop in the midst of an important business transaction to order a cup of tea in the middle of the afternoon, the Englishman would leave a negotiation involving millions and conduct you to the tea rooms at exactly 4 o'clock. Afterward he would finish the work at hand. The Credit Lyonnaise has famous dining rooms for the entertainment of visiting guests.

One unfamiliar with foreign exchange in Pittsburgh will be interested in the many different features which must be closely watched. In an interview with Mr. Benkiser he said:

"Yes, we are in direct communication with all parts of the world and, keeping balances there, it is, of course, not immaterial to us whether our money is worth 100 cents today or perhaps only 90 cents tomorrow. It greatly interests us to learn as much as possible in advance of our competitors, whether the crop in our country is going to turn out all right in the fall, what the quality of our grain or cotton will probably be, whether our steel factories are able to compete with foreign manufacturers, whether Russia, Hungary or Roumania is expected to have a drought curtailing the production of their cornfields, new silk is getting along in Japan, whether the tea crop in India will be satisfactory, and when the time comes for one of China's indemnity payments to the powers."

Foreign Exchange Facilitates Business.

Therefor the object of the foreign exchange is to accommodate Pittsburgh merchants, and to facilitate their dealings with other countries. Our steel companies exporting their products to European countries are desirous of receiving payment. In waiting until the goods arrive at the other side and having consignees remit, too much time is lost and a great deal of money is tied up. So the shipper simply brings his bill of lading to his foreign exchange banker, draws a bill of exchange on the consignee for the amount due him, attaches it to the bill of lading and his banker pays him the value of the goods, less collection charges.

This draft is then forwarded to the bank's correspondents in Europe, presented by them to the consignee, who, upon payment, receives the bill of lading and obtains his goods from the respective steamship or railroad company. Frequently the foreign customer buys on time. In such a case the American shipper draws a 60 or 90-days' sight bill which is discounted by his bank at the rate of discount prevailing at the time in the country on which the bill is drawn, and which is generally lower than the rate in this country. The bill is then presented to the consignee by the bank's correspondent abroad and the bill of lading, insurance policy and invoices are delivered to him against his accepting the draft. The bill is afterward held at the disposal of the American bank, which may keep it until maturity if the money is invested at a reasonably profitable rate of interest, and exchange rates are expected to be higher at the maturity of the draft. Otherwise the draft may be rediscounted abroad at a lower rate.

Bills drawn at 60 and 90-days' sight against shipment of flour and grain are usually not discounted in the European markets. They are accepted by the drawees and held by the American Bankers' foreign correspondent with the shipping documents attached, until maturity, or until it may suit the drawees to take them up.

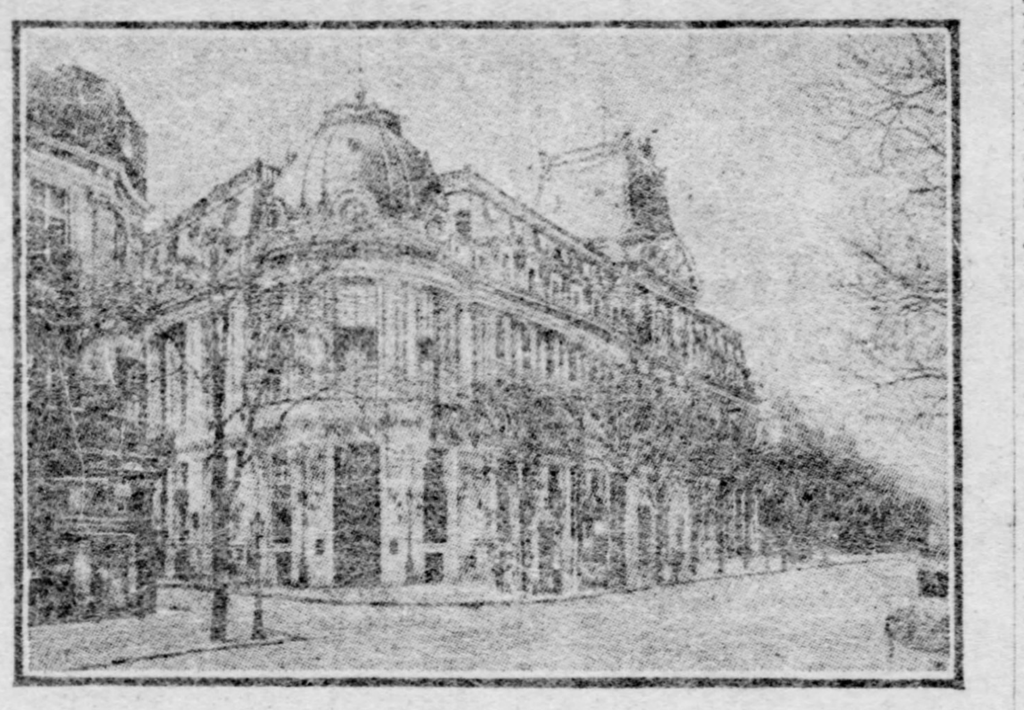
Many Points to Be Considered.

If the bills are anticipated, the drawees, of course, are refunded the discount for the time the drafts still have to run, but not at the prevailing rate at which the American banker may have discounted it for the shipper, but about 1 per cent below. As grain must be handled with great care the consignee in many cases will take up the draft as soon as the steamer arrives, to prevent the grain from being stored in public elevators, and the banker in such a case makes a good profit. The banker learns from experience whether a certain bill will be taken up sooner than another, and in making a bid for it the shipper will calculate on a lower discount, always taking into consideration whether exchange in his opinion has an upward or declining tendency.

You will see from the foregoing that one is always quite anxious to learn whether one of the European governments is negotiating for a loan in London, Paris or Berlin, as it will result in tighter money and higher rates of discount. Under such probability the American banker would discount immediately all bills held in trust for him abroad, and try to buy a new supply on this side after discount abroad has been raised. For a grain bill he would not allow his shipper a low rate of discount, as he might be obliged to refund to his consignee at the same rate at which he bought, losing his profit, should the bill be taken up before maturity. To be protected the American banker often secures discount abroad from four to six weeks ahead. It is almost impossible nowadays to buy cotton bills on the spot, and the banker is obliged to make bids for these bills to be delivered from four to eight weeks later. In securing his discount ahead, the only element of speculation entering is the rate of exchange. Many of our bankers make bids for cotton and grain bills in the early spring. They must take into consideration many circumstances in arriving at the rate of exchange which they care to bid; the rate of interest which may be ruling in September and October, when cotton is exported, whether the price of cotton and grain at that time will be satisfactory to our shippers, the quality of the crops, the probability of European loans being placed in this country and many other things.

How Cotton Prices Affects Exchange.

Last year cotton prices were very high abroad and immense quantities were exported. This created a large supply of bills of exchange and naturally the market for these commodities declined, bringing demand sterling down to 482½. Our bankers during the summer, when there is no export business and exchange rates are high, if the rate of interest in this country warrants it, sell their own 60 and 90-day drafts in the American market to parties having payments to make, namely, for stocks purchased abroad, or for goods imported, and invest the proceeds of these drafts in this country for a period of from two to three months, expecting to pay the loan at a much lower rate of exchange, that is, in the fall during the cotton and grain export season. Three out of five times they make money, but that they are never sure in a deal of this kind is shown by the present season. Cheap money in this country and high rates of interest abroad have kept foreign exchange rates at the top. The main cause of this money stringency abroad this year is, of course, the Russo-Japanese war. Russia borrowed in Paris and after the latter's resources had been pretty well exhausted, then started negotiations in Berlin. England offered the helping hand to Japan. Our bankers, with call money in the New York market at 1½ and 2 per cent, preferred to invest in long foreign bills, which brought a higher rate of interest, and, contrary to previous years, where they immediately rediscounted these bills, issuing and selling their sight drafts against them at a small profit, decided to hold them until maturity. A great deal of foreign exchange was tied up this way and when the time of maturity of the bills arrived, other factors had appeared on the horizon to prevent a decline in rates, for instance, our participation in the Japanese loan for which we had to remit to London. Exchange rose high enough to allow gold shipments to Paris.



Building of the Credit Lyonnais, Paris.

Gold in Three-Cornered Operation.

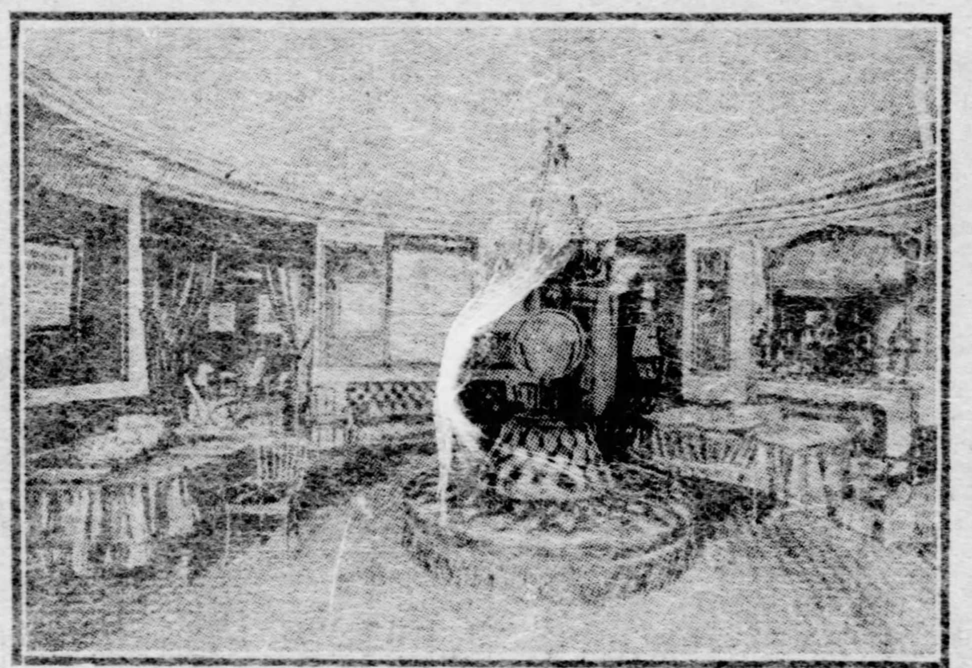
These gold exports formed a three-cornered operation inasmuch as it is believed that Paris bankers were withdrawing their London balances and that London found gold shipment from New York to Paris against their balances in the former city more advantageous than direct remittance from London to Paris. Had London shipped direct it would have had to replenish its balances probably by shipments from New York, and it therefore saved the freight and insurance charges between London and Paris. In Germany tight money was not only brought about by the negotiations for a Russian loan, making it advisable for bankers to hoard their cash, but also by an immense amount of orders from Russia in all branches of industries, thus necessitating greater demand on their banks by the German manufacturers. Paris bankers no doubt realized that they would be called upon by their Russian friends to assist in the payment of their German contracts, and fortified their position by withdrawing their London balances.

Money will always wander where it finds the best market, and the differences in the rate of interest are gradually wiped out. The recent gold exports drove call money in New York to 4 per cent, with Germany at 4¼ and London 3¼.

In assisting our merchants in importing, not so many points need be observed. Let us say an American importer desires to purchase a certain line of goods in the German market, which he thinks he can easily dispose of at home. To the German manufacturer he is a stranger and so is the American to the German. After settling all questions as to price and time of shipment, the importer requests his banker to open a credit in favor of his German friend in Berlin, or some other German city, as it may be most convenient to the German manufacturer. The German receives a letter from the American banker, authorizing him to draw on his correspondent in Berlin or elsewhere, at sight, if it is a cash transaction, attaching the bill of lading, insurance policy, and a sworn invoice to his draft. The documents upon payment of the draft by the German bank are forwarded by the latter to the American banker, who presents them to the importer for payment of the amount advanced, plus his commission.

Operations That Produce Profit.

In cases where goods are bought on time the credit is opened against the shipper's two to three-months' sight drafts on the American banker's German correspondent, which are discounted by him with his own banker, on presentation of the American letter of credit. When the rate of interest abroad is much lower than at home, then it pays the American importer to purchase against letter of credit, instead of borrowing the actual cash from his banker, as he is either credited by the shipper with the proceeds of the discounted draft, remitting balance by check, or the low rate of interest abroad is expressed in correspondingly low prices for merchandise bought on three-months' time. In having credits for the importation of merchandise opened the importer should, of course, know that he is dealing with a respectable house, while the banker must be fully informed as to the standing of his client. The commission which the banker receives for such transactions and which he divides with his foreign correspondent depends on the time for which the credit is opened, the amount and the security which the applicant offers.



One of the Parlors in Letter of Credit Department, Credit Lyonnais, Paris.

What Arbitrage Means.

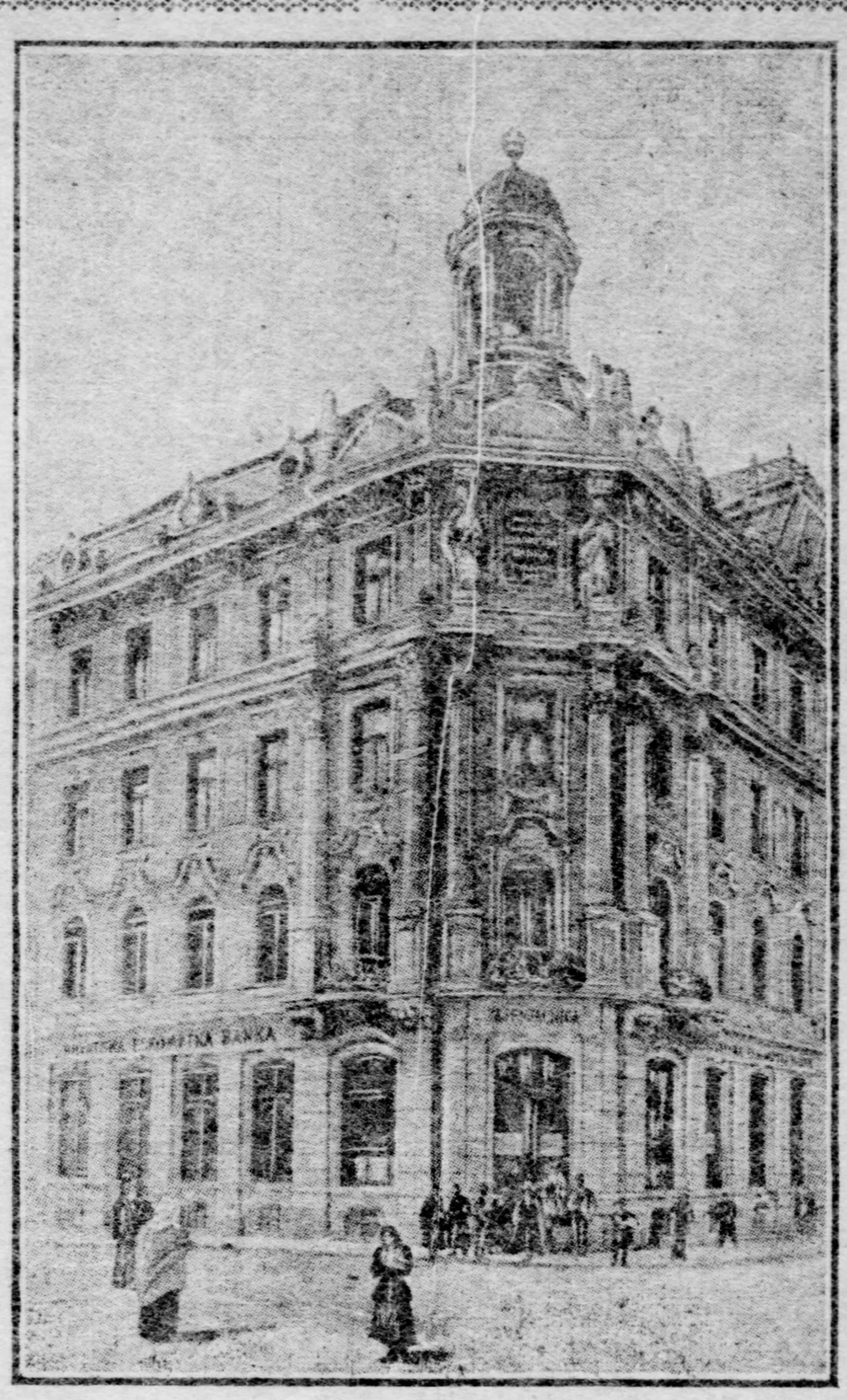
You probably know the word arbitrage. When the exchange banker is unable to cover for his drawings on a certain country, by purchasing exporter's bills drawn on it and remitting them, he must find some other way of keeping up his balances, unless he prefers the expensive way of shipping gold. There is, for instance, always a scarcity of bills on Italian or Austrian points, and the banker sells to his Austrian or Italian correspondent checks against his balances in London, Berlin or Paris, whichever may bring the highest price at the Italian or Austrian bourses. Such transactions are termed arbitrage operations. They are made not only with one correspondent, as in the aforementioned case in order to obtain a certain commodity, but sometimes with correspondents in three or four different countries. They are called three or four-cornered arbitrage operations. London may sell checks on Vienna at an inviting rate. Demand drafts on London or Paris checks in the New York market are firm. Ninety days' sight drafts on Berlin bring a good price in Paris.

Instead of remitting a sterling draft purchased in New York to his banker in London against London's remittance of Kronen to Vienna, or instead of drawing on his Paris balance and selling the Paris check to London against London's Kronen remittance, the American banker buys 90-days' Berlin in this country, preferably from an exporter, and not from a brother banker, sends it to Paris, asks Paris to remit goods to London, and thus pays London for its remittance of kronen to Vienna. The American banker receives from his correspondents in the European money centers, either daily or at least two or three times a week, cable quotations for the principal commodities as well as the discount rates. All operations are made by cable, as a rule within 24 hours. One of our Pittsburgh banks receives as many as 15 cablegrams on certain days of the week, and there is hardly a day when at least four or five cablegrams are not sent abroad.

The Letter of Credit System.

Another feature of foreign exchange which is really a story by itself is the letter of credit and travelers' check system. I will not discuss that here, but facts already given show the multiple interests a banker must consider. I will add only a few others. Barring other influences, a big crop means that the superfluous grain or cotton must be exported, and a good quality will attract foreign buyers; high prices abroad on account of poor crops in the European grain centers will encourage exportation. A heavy export business will produce a large supply of commercial bills. When the supply exceeds the demand, exchange rates will decline. When Japan has a good year in silk the price for Japanese yens in this country will rise, as Japan must be paid for whatever we import. A great many settlements for this country are made through London. When tea does well in India, silver will rise. India pays her taxes by allowing the British government to draw on it in silver. These drafts are sold to London bankers who remit them to their Indian correspondents for collection and credit. The British government receives its money in London, and the London banker replenishes his balances in India without moving a coin. When, on account of heavy imports from India, the London drafts no longer suffice to cover, England is compelled to ship silver to India, and the price for that commodity will rise. Mexican dollars on Hongkong, the local currency, will advance in value, when the Chinese government commences to withdraw them from the market previous to making its indemnity to the powers.

After all these possibilities have been considered by the foreign exchange banker, he still must realize that a hail storm or frost, too much or not sufficient rain will upset all his calculations. These are only some of the endlessly varied features of foreign exchange.



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MANY HOURS OF MELODY.

Competition Will Be Keen at the Christmas Eisteddfod—Two Sessions Are to Be Held.

Considerable interest is being displayed by Pittsburgh singers over the coming eisteddfod to be held on Christmas at Old City hall. The number of entries to the annual musical festival of the Welsh people by choral societies and soloists insures some interesting contests.

Two sessions have been arranged for the day, the afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock and the evening at 7:30 o'clock. One of the most enjoyable events is scheduled for the afternoon when five choruses, consisting of from 40 to 50 children under 16 years, will contest for a $50 prize, with a beautiful gold medal to the conductor of the winning chorus. Arthur Richard's glee, "The Roses," has been selected as the test song, and offers ample opportunities for exquisite shading and expression as well as the display of pure intonation, the prime requisite of choral singing.

The event of the evening will be the arrangement for mixed choruses, numbering from 30 to 40 voices, the selection being Mendelssohn's "Hunting Song," and three choirs will try for the $100 prize offered. Both sessions will be interspersed with competitions arranged for soloists, duets and quartets and elocutionary work.

Prof. W. K. Steiner, who was a member of the board of examiners at the Pittsburgh national eisteddfod, will award the prizes in music. J. Gwyndaf Jones, a poet of ability and versed in the peculiar bound measures that govern Welsh poetry, will announce the poetical winners, and the Rev. J. T. Jones, Ph. D. of Ebensburg, will make the declamatory awards. Attorney A. J. Edwards, one of the national eisteddfod conductors, will occupy the presiding chair.

Fine Church in Canada Burns.

BELLEVILLE, ONT., Dec. 17.—St. Michael's Roman Catholic church was destroyed by fire today. The building was one of the best in the city and the altar the finest in Ontario. Some of the interior decorations destroyed were almost priceless. Loss $80,000.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which, Taken at the flood, leads to fortune."

NEVER in the history of the world has there been a greater opportunity to make money through speculation than in the present grain market. WHEAT IS GOING UP, THERE IS NO POWER THAT CAN KEEP IT DOWN. It will not be one of the usual rises. A FORTUNE AWAITS you if you

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Contestants may secure assistance from any source. Everybody is eligible except employes of The Pittsburgh Gazette.

The managers of the Proverb Contest distinctly reserves the right to make any change in or addition to these conditions that he may deem necessary for properly conducting the contest.

The sixty proverbs which will comprise the series have been selected from standard authorities, and the list on which the prizes will be awarded has been sealed and placed in the care of Mr. H. C. McEldowney, President of the Union Trust Co., and will not be opened until the time arrives for awarding the prizes. The proverbs selected for this contest are those in common use and will not be hard to solve, but be careful to get the correct wording and punctuation, and see that each word is spelled correctly. You will find this contest an education for old and young. Enter it at once.

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2 Prizes, $50.00 each	100.00
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10 Prizes, $10.00 each	100.00
30 Prizes, $5.00 each	150.00
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100 Prizes, $1.00 each	100.00
225 Prizes, aggregating	$1,800.00

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN SOCIAL CIRCLES — MUSICAL AFFAIRS. NEWS AND SPECIAL FEATURES.

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

JOHN O. BAGLIN'S REVIEW OF THE STOCK MARKET—LOCAL AND TELEGRAPHIC NEWS FEATURES.

FOURTH SECTION. PITTSBURGH, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 18, 1904. EIGHT PAGES.

GODDESSES ON MORMON ABUSE

Tell Why Plural Marriages Are to Be Recommended and Encouraged.

A QUESTION OF ECONOMY

"A United States senator is, and should be, a representative of the people and his state, and who could represent a larger constituency than a Mormon, with a healthy and growing family?" Calculation put the question to her co-Goddesses of the Farmers' Bank building during their weekly session, and defiantly waited for the answer that did not come.

"If we women ever attain our rights," she continued, "and are permitted to enjoy the privilege of suffrage, the Mormon women will rise to the occasion and avenge the attacks that are being made upon the marriage trust. They will rally to the support of the men who have supported them. There would be no selfish attacks today upon our Mormon brethren if the women only had public expression by the ballot. The Joseph F. Smith's Wives' Republican club and the Elder Cannon's Wives' Democratic club would pool their issues and rally to the support of their standard bearers in the face of any public prejudices. While the truth is apparent that the J. F. Smith's Sons' First Voters' Independent association is doing all in their power to combat against the unwarranted attack upon Reed Smoot, they are but an immaterial force to that which the Mormon women citizens would be if properly organized under power of political expression.

"Then you approve of plural marriages?" ventured Courage.

Race Suicide Problem Solved.

"They are to be strongly advocated in many respects," answered Calculation. "In the first place, they solve the race suicide problem. They encourage home consumption in this era of industrial development, while at the same time they aid in home production. Again, polygamy has social advantages, as it tends to encourage companionship among many women who otherwise might not be brought together. The manifold advantages of plural marriages are so great that time forbids entering into all of them. However, it would not be amiss to educate the prejudiced on some salient points.

"When the Ladies' Aid Society of the Third Church of Latter Day Saints decided to make a missionary offering to young and ambitious Mormons in the South Sea Islands, a successful sock knitting bee could be organized among the wives and daughters of a single household. When the St. Smith church prepares for the annual Sunday school rally, success is assured in calling upon several elders to invite their children to attend without exception. There can be no room for doubt but that the spirit of brotherly and sister love would prevail at such gatherings.

A Saving on Necessities.

"Plural marriages alone can solve many of the economic problems of the home and business life. Under the prevailing narrow acceptance of single blessedness in the marriage relation our family providers are compelled to pay two, three, and four profits on necessities of life. When the modern Mormon Apostle steps into the market place to arrange for the Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner for his flock, competitive bidding immediately becomes brisk. A carload of turkeys is knocked down to him at panic prices. He picks up a bargain in a hogshead of cider. He places his order for canned goods with the canner direct, and enjoys transportation rebates that would shock the interstate commerce commission. Manufacturers vie with each other in sending him samples of their wares and asking for his recommendation, and quote figures 87 per cent off the list price.

"But his clothing bills are naturally large," suggested Prosperity.

"There's where you make the common error," corrected Calculation. "If there is one commodity in which our Mormon brethren enjoy economy it is in the matter of clothing. Two new hats, two new dresses, a bolt of ribbon, a little trimming, and one suit of clothes is sufficient for a modest family of 81 for a whole year."

Passes the Garment Along.

"When the senior wife gets a new dress she passes one of her garments along to wife No. 2, who in turn passes on one of her old dresses and so it goes all along the line. By switching the trimming and adding a fold or two of ribbon, everyone is satisfied and all have new dresses. When the junior wife is rigged out she passes her rainy day skirt along to Emily No. 5, the eldest daughter, who finds it a perfect fit and not a trifle too long. Of course, Emily No. 5, moved by the good example set, passes something along and so all the girls enjoy impartial treatment. When papa agrees that the tailor has turned out a suit to his liking he magnanimously takes down his last summer's blue serge and hands it over to William No. 1, the oldest boy, which custom gave birth to that pathetic Mormon household saw which has received worldwide reknown: 'Papa's pants will soon fit little Willie.' If William No. 1 does the right thing, Eddie No. 3 finds himself in possession of Billy's corduroy suit, and so on until Frank No. 14 gets his first pair of knee breeches after Frank No. 7's long trousers have been cut down.

"But this requires the services of an army of seamstresses, I should think," declared Integrity.

A Talent in the Home.

"Yes, but it is all home talent," rejoined Calculation. "Every Mormon household has its domestic science department. Among the conservative thinkers in other states the children are harassed during school hours with courses of manual training, including ordinary household duties, robbing the youthful mind of many hours which could be applied to other educational advantages. Every Mormon child gets a thorough course in household management in the home. No Mormon elder is compelled to sew on buttons or wear darnless socks. Whenever the hanger of his coat tears off an executive session is called in the household and a practical demonstration is given.

"Truly there is little doubt but that the Mormons have the right idea," remarked Agriculture.

"Yes, but there are some difficulties which have not yet been overcome," announced Calculation with candor. "One of the unsolved problems among Mormon families is how to give their children musical educations. As things are now, when Fanny No. 4 is practicing voice culture on the third floor, Arthur No. 6 and George No. 3 are relentlessly pounding out their piano lessons on the first floor, while the daughters of wife No. 7 are working out a glee club selection on mandolins on the second floor. At the same time the children are holding a drum corps service in the yard. Meanwhile the daughters and sons next door, with social ambitions, are also perfecting themselves in musical attainments, and as a result harmony does not prevail in the neighborhood. Members of the congregation attribute all complaints along these lines to the jealousy of the rival parents, but as the hours of for practice are limited no practical solution for this problem has as yet presented itself."

"Still you do not believe marriage is a failure?" asked Agriculture.

"Well," replied Calculation, "if you don't succeed the first time, try, try again."

Christmas Excursion Rates Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R. R.

On December 24, 25, 26 and 31, and January 1 and 2, agents will sell round trip tickets to all points at rate of one fare and one-third. Holiday rate from Pittsburgh to Cleveland, $5.35; Chicago, $14; Detroit, $11.10; Erie, $5.90; Buffalo, $9.20; Youngstown, $2.75.

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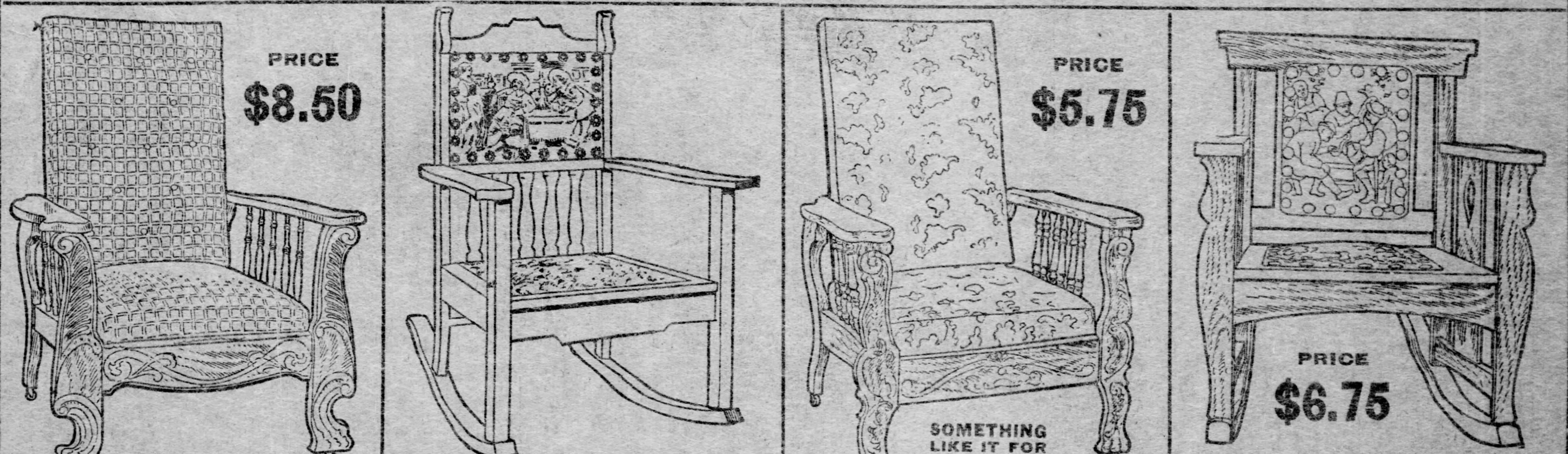

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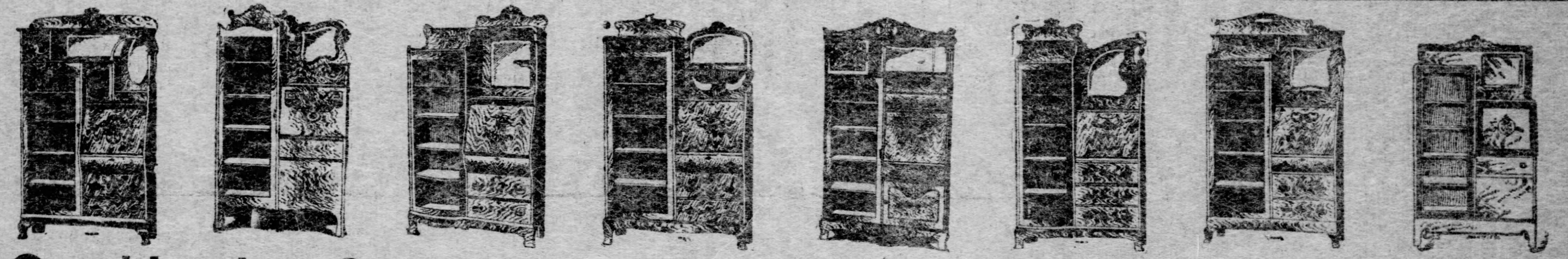

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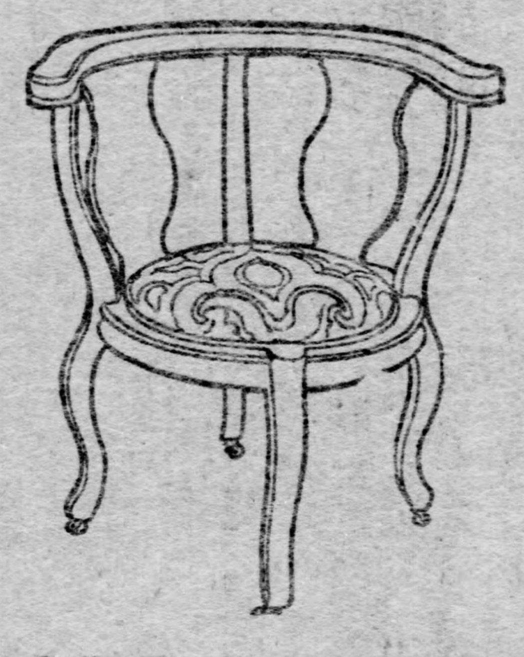

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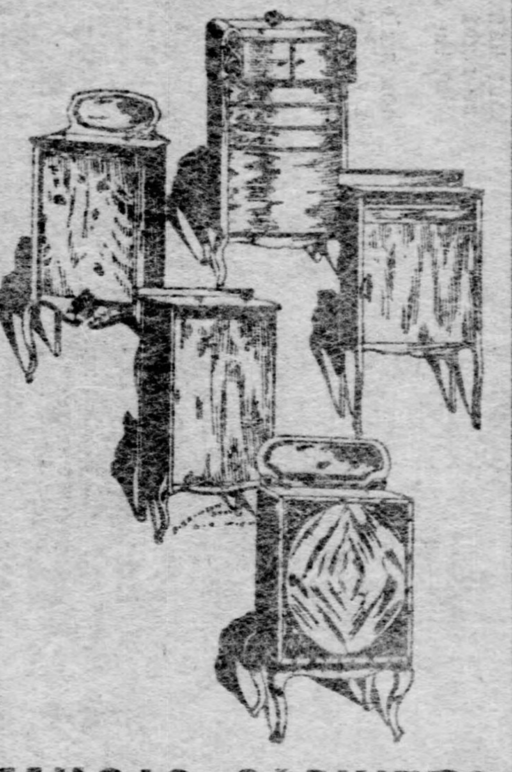

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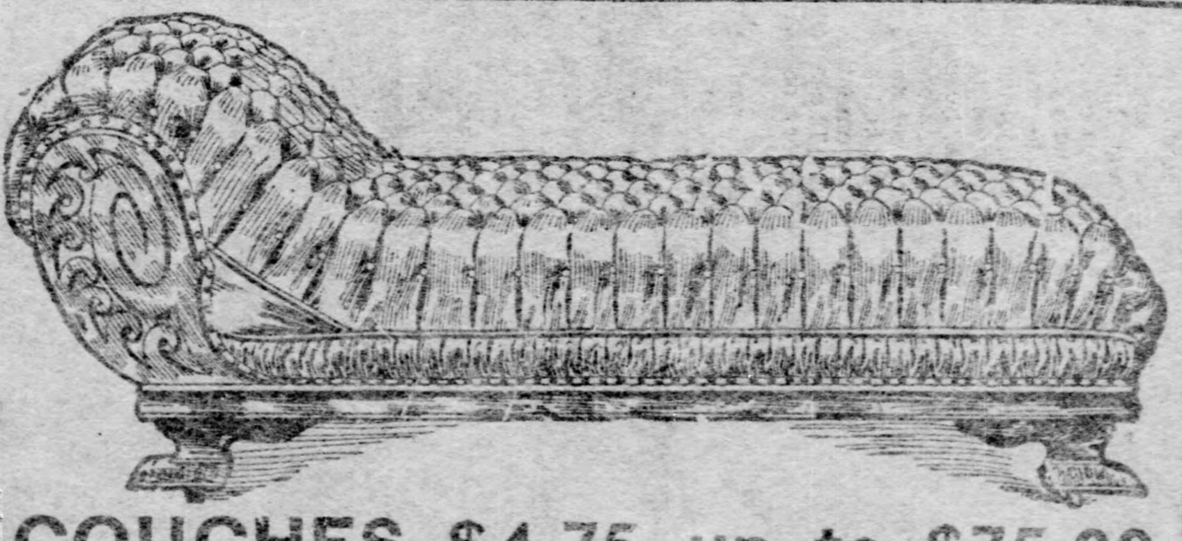

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We Trust People Out of Town and Pay the Freight. Come and Pick Your Gifts

SOCIETY

DANCES, receptions and card parties do not occupy all the time and thought of Pittsburgh and Allegheny maids and matrons. This fact is shown in the various Christmas treats which are being planned by these same maids and matrons for their less fortunate brothers and sisters who are unable to provide themselves with holiday cheer and good things. One of the most progressive, far-reaching, and, possibly, one of the least heralded charitable organizations, is the Relief Club of the East End, which, composed of 20 young girls, is doing a work worthy of the highest praise. The girls work with untiring energy, giving their time, money and thought to the needs of the poor of Pittsburgh, in the summer keeping up a home in Idlewild for the children and personally visiting the sick, and teaching sewing to the girls all the year through. For a special Christmas treat they are preparing about 20 baskets (all the club's treasury can afford at present) for poor families, and with the baskets, which will be filled with food, will go toys, books and candy for the little ones. For one family of eight small children, in which the mother, the only bread-winner in the family, is in the hospital, there will be a Christmas tree. The girls, with Miss Florence Lanahan, their president, at the head, expect to give a benefit entertainment shortly after Christmas, and later in the year will arrange a benefit theatrical performance to replenish the treasury. If their dreams are realized, they will some day be at the head of a settlement house in the downtown district of the city. The nucleus of the house will be a room for two, which they will secure as soon as possible.

The 18 little ones in the Children's Hospital are having a pleasant Christmas morning celebration prepared for them under the auspices of the present visiting committee, which includes Mrs. William St. Clair Denny Corcoran and Mrs. Lewis M. Plumer. A stocking hung on each little white bed will be filled with toys, but no candies, and there will be a huge tree in the parlor, to which, if it is possible, each child will be carried. Donations of toys, books or money will be gladly received by either Mrs. Plumer or Mrs. Corcoran. A state appropriation has been asked for, and as the Children's Hospital is the only purely charitable institution of its kind in Pittsburgh, the managers earnestly hope to secure the appropriation.

Then there is the Farmington Aid Society, of which Miss Isabel Chalfant is president, which will take care of 400 children at its treat in Cyclorama hall, Beech and Irwin avenues, Allegheny, next Saturday, as well as distributing 50 baskets to the mothers. James Wood Scully, Jr., will act as Santa Claus, and there will be carols sung and addresses made.

And the Sunshine Society of the West Penn Hospital is doing a wonderful work along its own lines. Christmas day will be a bright one at the hospital this year. The members of the society have purchased dozens of Christmas cards to distribute in the various wards. They will also provide music and refreshments for the invalids. Mrs. Samuel McKee, of the Kenmawr, is president of the society, and Mrs. Thomas Mellon, vice president.

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James Riley, proprietor of the Hotel Schenley, issued handsome invitations during the week for a large ball at which he will be the host on Monday evening, January 2. The affair gives every promise of being one of the largest and most beautiful ever given in the city. The whole lower floor of the hotel will be thrown open to the guests, the list of whom will probably number over a half thousand. The large porch at the side of the hotel will be inclosed to give additional room. The American Military band has been engaged for the dance and the floral decorations will be artistic and exquisite to a degree. The ball is being given by Mr. Riley in return for the many invitations which he has accepted from his friends in Pittsburgh and Allegheny for the past several years, and the list will also include the guests at the hotel and their friends. There will be no receiving party and, as it is an evening affair, no assistants.

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Red and white roses formed the decorations at the luncheon given yesterday by Mrs. Thomas Alexander Mellon at her home in Fifth avenue. It was in honor of her sister, Miss Wightman of Washington, who is now her guest, and covers were laid for 12.

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Mrs. George M. Laughlin, Jr.'s, bridge on Friday afternoon was in honor of her guest, Miss Lucy Wallace of New York, and also served as a housewarming for her new home in Woodland road. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin gave an informal dinner on Thursday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Magee of Halket and Emily streets, Oakland, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage with an informal family dinner on Friday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McCoy of Penn avenue, East End, will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage at their home on Thursday, December 29. The Rev. J. M. McCoy and Miss Viola McCoy of Indiana will be their guests over the holidays.

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Announcement was made yesterday of the engagement of Miss Gertrude Solomon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaskel Solomon of Beech avenue, Allegheny, and Jacob Bibro. Mr. Bibro is a well-known business man of this city.

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Mrs. John Garland, Mrs. Horner, Mrs. A. E. Nieman, Mrs. J. A. G. House, Miss Little, Mrs. James Marshall, Mrs. Grace Lowry and Mrs. Myers Busch Cain were the prize winners at the euchre given on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. John Richards Brown of Stratford avenue.

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Mrs. Thomas Grant McCutcheon, of Castleman street, has issued cards for a reception on Friday afternoon, December 30, to meet her sister-in-law, Mrs. T. De Witt Talmage, and her nieces, Mrs. John Crosby Brydon and Miss Rebekah Collier.

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Mrs. William Eberhardt, of Irwin avenue, Squirrel Hill, will give a house dance on the evening of Friday, December 30, in honor of her son, Robert Eberhardt, who is preparing to enter Princeton. Mrs. George Eberhardt, of Baywood street, will give a tea on December 28 in honor of Mrs. Charles Clarke, of Elmira, N. Y., a recent bride, who will be her guest for a time.

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Miss Laura Bope, daughter of Col. and Mrs. H. P. Bope, of North Negley avenue, will give an informal house dance on December 28.

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The past week has been one filled with announcements of engagements, not the least interesting of which is that of Miss Emma Buhl Boggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Boggs, of North avenue, Allegheny, and James McBride, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Troy, N. Y. The announcement was made at a luncheon given by Miss Mary Davidson, of North avenue, Allegheny.

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Miss Agnes Crump and Miss Laura Crump received with Mrs. William H. Crump at the tea she gave on Thursday afternoon at her home in Pacific avenue, East End.

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A fancywork in the afternoon and a card party in the evening were the mediums through which Mr. and Mrs. John A. Scott, of Stanton avenue, East End, entertained in honor of Mrs. Charles Gibbs and Mrs. Almer Orr, both recent brides.

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Mrs. S. Jarvis Adams has chosen Tuesday evening, January 3, as the date for the card party she will give in honor of her granddaughter, Miss Emma Virginia Garner, of Denver, Col., and her niece, Miss Janette Browne, of this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Dawson Callery will receive their friends from 4 until 6 o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, January 2, to meet their cousins, Congressman and Mrs. Joseph Holt Gaines, of Washington, D. C.

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Miss Alice Sellers Guthrie, of Howe street, will give a small and informal tea on Tuesday in honor of her guest, Miss Loua Bedell, of New York City.

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One of the smartest affairs of the last week was the reception at which Mrs. Edward Hanna Small and Miss Alice Wood Tindle were hostesses on Thursday afternoon to meet their sister-in-law, Mrs. James Robert Tindle. Those asked to assist were Miss Mary Louise Jackson, Mrs. Frank Semple Bissell, Mrs. Samuel Ayres, Mrs. Harton Singer, Mrs. Karl Emmerling, Mrs. Ralph Albree, Mrs. Chester D. Albree, Mrs. Thorsten E. Billquist, Mrs. William Gregg Doolittle, Mrs. Frank Smith, Miss Althea Mohler, of New York, Miss Mary Maxwell, Miss Marjorie Maxwell, Miss Hannah Maxwell, Miss Sophia Maxwell, Miss Haworth, Miss Alice Haworth, Miss Elizabeth Friend, Miss Rebekah Friend, Miss Margaret Forsythe and Miss Willa Forsythe.

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One of the most elaborate social affairs of the week was the Japanese dinner dance given by Miss Gertrude Solomon and Miss Edith Solomon in the Concordia club on Thursday evening. The girls all appeared in Japanese costume, and a feature of the entertainment was the Japanese dance given by Miss Erma Kingsbacher, Miss Edith Solomon, Miss Edna Bonn, Miss Ella Wertheimer, Miss Miriam Schoenfeld and Miss Amy Frank. The ballroom was beautifully decorated with garlands of scarlet poppies and instead of chairs there were brilliant red cushions placed around the walls of the room, thus carrying out the oriental idea. The only light in the room came from hundreds of Japanese lanterns hanging from the ceiling, which shed soft, subdued rays over the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Kaskel Solomon, parents of the two young hostesses, received the guests with their daughters. Dinner was served on the first floor of the club, the decorations being of roses in various colors. The place cards were dainty little hand-painted affairs done by Miss Edith Solomon, who is a debutante of this season. Among the out-of-town guests at the affair were Miss Goldman of St. Louis, the guest of Miss Erma Kingsbacher; Miss Viola Cahn, of Omaha, Neb., the guest of Miss Elsie Trauerman; Miss Belle Lowenstein, of Charleston, W. Va., who is visiting Miss Pauline Bloch; Miss Maude Rosenheim, of Philadelphia, who is being entertained by Miss Daisy Sunstein; Miss Mona Hiller, of Ocala, Fla., the guest of Miss Harriet Rosenbaum; Miss Edith Myers, of Quincy, Ill., the guest of Miss Helen Kaufman; Miss Gertrude Reis of Philadelphia, the guest of the Misses Frank; Miss Adelaide Kingsbaker of Chicago, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kingsbaker, and Miss Eva Arons of New York, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Feuchtwanger.

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This week gives every promise of great gaiety among the members of the Concordia club set. Tomorrow evening Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Feuchtwanger and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Feuchtwanger will give a "pink domino" dance for Miss Eva Arons of New York, and Miss Adelaide Kingsbaker of Chicago; Miss Elsie Trauerman will entertain on Tuesday afternoon for her guest, Miss Viola Cahn of Omaha; Miss Helen Kaufman will give a luncheon the day following for her guest, Miss Edith Myers, of New York; Miss Daisy Sunstein will entertain on Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Maude Rosenheim of Philadelphia and Miss Rosalind Sundheim, of Baltimore, and on December 28 Miss Lillian Lehman and Miss Camille Zugsmith will entertain with a large reception.

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The past week has also been filled with many social affairs among the same set. Miss Harriet Rosenbaum gave a very unique entertainment—a grand race—on Monday evening. The girls appeared in jockey caps and colors and clipped pieces of tape strung from one end of the ballroom to the other, while the men looked on and bet. Miss Goldman of St. Louis won the final prize. Irvin Lehman led the cotillion given by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kingsbaker at the club on Tuesday evening.

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Mrs. Hermon Griffin, Mrs. George S. Garritt, Mrs. Harmar D. Denny, Mrs. Douglas Stewart, Mrs. William S. Kuhn, Mrs. T. W. Bakewell, Miss Sallie Hill, Miss Margaretta Wood, and Miss Ada McCrea assisted at the house warming reception which Mrs. William Bacon Schiller of Forbes avenue gave on Thursday afternoon.

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The engagement of Miss Sue Elizabeth Dixon, daughter of the late Christopher Dixon, of Allegheny, and William H. Totten, of the East End, which was made public last week, will terminate in a large morning church wedding on January 18.

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An engagement announced last week was that of Miss Mercedes D. Vilsack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Vilsack, and Robert S. Maloney, the engagement to be followed by a church wedding in February.

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One of the several large affairs on Thursday afternoon was the reception given at the home of Mrs. James Rodgers McCreery, by Mrs. McCreery and her sister-in-law, Miss McCreery, to meet Mrs. William McCreery and Miss Emilie McCreery, who have just returned from abroad.

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Mr. and Mrs. William A. Nimick, of Fairmount avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Harriet Matthews Nimick, to W. J. Malcom Dyer, of Philadelphia.

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Miss Alma Cecilia Staehle, daughter of Mrs. Susan B. Staehle of the Idaho apartments, Penn avenue, East End, will become the bride of George Robert Hedges of Columbus, O., on Wednesday evening. The wedding will be a quiet home affair, with only relatives to witness the ceremony. The Rev. Dr. Edmund Belfour will officiate. The attendants will be Miss Mary Elizabeth Markey and Sinclair B. Nace of Columbus. Miss Staehle is a Maryland college girl, and Mr. Hedges is a leading attorney of Columbus. During the past week a number of pretty entertainments were given in honor of Miss Staehle, these including an afternoon at cards on Monday, at which Miss Elizabeth Lee of Summerlea street, East End, was hostess, and a surprise china shower on Wednesday evening. The couple will make their home in Columbus after a wedding trip to Palm Beach.

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The members of the W. U. P. Glee club have been rehearsing faithfully since the organization in October, and have arranged an admirable program for their Christmas tour, which begins on Monday, December 26. The tour includes Zelienople, Butler, Mercer, Greenville, Oil City, Kittanning, New Castle and Lisbon. The club has been under the direction of J. J. Dickson.

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The marriage of Miss Mathilda H. Campbell of Brushton and Andrew J. Elliott of Oakland took place on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. The ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. John R. Harris, pastor of the First Cumberland Church, Shady avenue. The bride was attended by Miss Julia D. McHenry of Allegheny, while Walter Pope of Mt. Washington acted as best man. Owing to the recent death of the bride's father, the wedding was very quiet. Supper was served at the Hotel Schenley, immediately after which the couple left for the east for a two-weeks trip. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Lydia Campbell and the late Benjamin F. Campbell. The groom occupies a responsible position with the Carnegie Steel Company. He is a member of the Mozart club and of the choir of the First Cumberland church. After January 2 Mr. and Mrs. Elliott will be at home in the Rosedale apartments, Brushton.

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Miss Minnie C. Rieseck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rieseck, of Allegheny, and Charles J. A. Gies of this city were married on Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents in Western avenue, the Rev. W. A. Kinter officiating. The matron of honor was Mrs. David Moyle of Toronto, Canada, a sister of the bride. Miss Elsie Rieseck, also a sister, was bridesmaid, and Arthur A. W. Gies, a brother of the bridegroom, was best man. After a trip including Buffalo, Niagara and Toronto, Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Gies will be at home in Duquesne avenue, Allegheny.

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Mrs. Thomas McK. Cook of Western avenue, Allegheny, gave a smartly appointed bridge party yesterday afternoon to meet her son's fiancee, Miss Ethel Soule of New York, who is visiting Mrs. James Harold Childs. There were 14 tables called into play and the prizes were exquisitely dainty pierced royal Worcester vases. The decorations were carried out in green and white.

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Mrs. John Fremont Steel of Monitor street, East End, was hostess at a luncheon at the Duquesne club yesterday, followed by a box party at the Nixon. The guest of honor was a niece of the hostess, Miss Rachel McMasters Miller. Covers were laid for 12 at the luncheon.

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Mrs. Francis T. F. Lovejoy was guest of honor at a beautifully appointed little luncheon given by Mrs. John Brown Heron of "Hadston," South Linden avenue, on Thursday. Covers were laid for Mrs. Horace G. Dravo, Mrs. William Watson Smith, Mrs. I. M. Cappeau, Mrs. John Fremont Steel, Miss Martha Heron, Miss Janet Morton of St. Louis, the hostess and her guest of honor.

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Mrs. William Flinn has invitations out for a dinner dance to be given on January 3 at her home in North Highland avenue in honor of her daughters, Miss Mary Flinn and Miss Edith Flinn.

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A musicale was given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Samuel B. McClure of Black street in honor of her guest, Mrs. Harry B. Middleton of Philadelphia. The program was given by Mrs. Charles Lewis Nieble, Miss Jane Lang, Miss Carolyn Beatrice Israel and David S. Moore.

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Miss Erma Kingsbacher of Northumberland avenue, East End, and her guest, Miss Goldman, left quite unexpectedly yesterday for the latter's home in St. Louis.

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Miss Hattie Hamburger of Fayette street, Allegheny, is entertaining Miss Mabel Brace of Englewood, N. J., during their vacation from Vassar, where they are classmates.

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Mrs. Fannie Meyer of 1242 Sheffield street, Allegheny, announces the engagement of her daughter, Florence, to Mr. Emanuel Shevlan. At home Sunday, January 1.

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Members of the classes of '03, '04, '05, Allegheny high school, have issued invitations for a tri-class dance to be given on Thursday evening, December 29, in the Waldorf, Allegheny. J. L. Hunter is chairman of the committee in charge.

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Mr. and Mrs. William M. White have issued invitations for the marriage of their cousin, Miss Adelaide Plannett, and Louis B. Schneider, the ceremony to take place on Tuesday evening at their home in Millvale.

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Mrs. John Edgar Haines and Miss Haines will give a dance tomorrow evening at their home in Mathilda street.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Speer Kuhn, of Morewood place, gave a dinner on Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bissell Speer, a recent bridal couple.

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Miss Pauline Dilworth will give a card party on Friday afternoon, December 30, at her home in Fifth avenue in honor of Miss Harriet W. Balken.

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Invitations went out last week for a subscription dance to be given at the Schenley on January 6 under the direction of Miss Martha Heron, Miss Rebecca J. Friend and Miss Mary Mellon. Mrs. William N. Frew, Mrs. Benjamin Thaw and Mrs. John Brown Heron are the patronesses.

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An interesting out-of-town engagement just made public is that of Miss Naniscah McLane, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Makinson, of this city, and Charles Weston Tucker, of Jacksonville, Fla. Miss McLane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reed McLane, of Jacksonville.

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Word has been received in this city that Mrs. Eleanor Dravo Stewart has arrived in Naples, where she was met by Mrs. C. L. Magee, with whom she will spend Christmas in Rome.

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Quite a large party of Pittsburgh and Allegheny people will leave this afternoon for Meadville, where, in Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, the wedding of Miss Harriet A. Dick and Joseph McKnight Speer will take place tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Speer gave his bachelor dinner at the Pittsburgh Club on Monday evening, with covers laid for J. Ramsey Speer, George M. Laughlin, Jr., Hermon Griffin, William Larimer Mellon, Dr. William H. Mercur, Reuben Miller, Jr., Walter S. Mitchell, George S. Oliver, Douglas Stewart, James R. Taylor, George S. Garritt, Henry Graham Brown, Charles McKnight, Thomas A. McGinley, George Morgan and William Bacon Schiller.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henry Bailey will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on Friday evening, December 30, at their home in Boggs avenue, Mt. Washington, and at the same time their daughter, Miss Ruth Olive Bailey, will be wedded to John Gold McConnell, of Butler.

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Miss Dorothy Ford gave two very delightful card parties in the English tea room in Fifth street on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. On Monday the prizes were won by Miss Katherine Cheney, Mrs. Clarence Manns Fincke and Mrs. Ralph Longenecker, and on Tuesday by Miss Maxwell, Mrs. Haines Allen Machesney, Mrs. W. Edgar Reed and Miss Gertrude Gerdes.

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Mrs. Horace Moorhead, of Fifth avenue, will entertain at bridge tomorrow afternoon to meet Mrs. William Booth Trainer, a bride of November, and Mrs. Fletcher Dickerman Hallock, a sister of the hostess. Mrs. James Harold Childs, of Allegheny avenue, Allegheny, gave a bridge party on Wednesday for Mrs. Trainer, at which the prizes were won by Mrs. A. Marshall Bell, Mrs. Douglas Stewart, Miss Margaretta Wood, Mrs. William C. Robinson, Mrs. Henry Lafayette Collins, Mrs. Eugene Lawrence Messler and Miss Louise Kay.

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Pittsburghers were interested in the tea given on Thursday by Mrs. Cornelia R. McLure, of Washington, to introduce her granddaughter, Miss Cornelia R. Mercer. Mrs. McLure and her family formerly lived in Wallingford street, this city. At the tea Miss Alice Schmertz, also a former Pittsburgh girl, presided at the punch table, and Mrs. John Dalzell poured tea.

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Miss Virginia Frances Bughman will entertain informally tomorrow evening, her guests being a few of her relatives. Miss Bughman's wedding to William White, Jr., will be an important social event of Tuesday.

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Miss Maude Beardsley, of Memphis, Tenn., the guest of Mrs. Edward V. Babcock; Miss Katherine Eicholtz, of Baltimore, the guest of Mrs. Joseph Jones, and Miss Shaw, of Los Angeles, Cal., who is visiting Mrs. T. Clifton Jenkins, shared the honors at the informal tea at which Miss Clare Jane Thompson, of South Negley avenue, gave on Tuesday.

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Announcement was made last week of the engagement of Miss Florence Dilworth, daughter of Mrs. Mary Louise Dilworth, and James H. Lockhart, a son of Charles Lockhart. Miss Dilworth is an Ogontz girl and a niece of Mrs. Henry Clay Bughman, Mrs. George W. Berry and Mrs. William Nimick Frew.

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The Pittsburgh Golf club will be the scene on December 27 of a fancy dress dance to be given under the direction of Miss Louise Kay and Miss Gertrude Childs. It is a subscription affair, but, unlike other dances of its kind, will be given without patronesses.

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An out-of-town announcement which is of interest to many city folk was that of the engagement of Miss Margaret Virginia Tiers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Tiers, of Oakmont, and William Hepburn Tinsman, of the same place. The engagement was made public at a dinner which Mr. and Mrs. Tiers gave in honor of their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Van Dyke Tiers, who were married in October.

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Among the informal affairs of Tuesday was the at-home given by Mrs. Robert C. Hall of the Bellefield apartments and the tea given by Miss Ethel Craig, of Rebecca street, in honor of Mrs. Almer Hamilton Orr, a bride of the earlier season.

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Mrs. Benjamin Thaw, of Morewood, Shadyside, will give a tea on December 29 to meet Mrs. Samuel B. McCormick, wife of the new chancellor of the Western University of Pennsylvania. A dinner of 50 covers will follow the tea.

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Mrs. Winfield Scott Watson, of Howe street, will give a tea on December 28 for her daughter, Miss Helen P. Watson, who is home from St. Margaret's for the holidays. Miss Watson will entertain with a luncheon on the day after Christmas.

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Mrs. Daniel C. Ripley will give a card party on December 27 for her daughter, Miss Elizabeth May Ripley.

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis T. F. Lovejoy arrived in the city on Tuesday for a short visit, and they did not open "Edgehill," their home in Braddock avenue, but stopped at the Schenley.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maxwell Morris have returned from their wedding trip through to the St. Louis Exposition and to New Orleans.

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A beautiful affair was the housewarming reception which Mrs. J. Walter Rhodes, of Lincoln avenue, Allegheny, gave on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Rhodes' mother, Mrs. George Barbour, and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Joshua W. Rhodes, received with the hostess, who was assisted by Mrs. William C. Robinson, Miss Mary Rhodes, Miss Annie Rhodes, Miss Madeline Laughlin, Miss Marguerite Singer, Mrs. Douglas Stewart, Mrs. James Stuart Brown, Mrs. John H. Ricketson, Jr., Mrs. James Harold Childs, Mrs. James Wood, Mrs. Eugene Lawrence Messler and Mrs. Hermon Griffin.

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The benefit matinee at the Nixon on Wednesday for the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Free Kindergarten Association was a social event of paramount interest. The boxes were all taken, H. C. Frick's box being occupied by his daughter, Miss Helen Frick, and a few friends. Mrs. W. L. Mellon's box was given to Miss Eda Young; Mrs. W. Harry Brown's to the Kindergarten College faculty; Mrs. S. Jarvis Adams, Mrs. Robert C. Hall, Mrs. James I. Buchanan, Mrs. Jacob Kaufmann, Mrs. John Eaton and Mrs. Benjamin Thaw entertained merry parties in their boxes. Theater parties were given by Mrs. George E. Tener, of Sewickley; Mrs. Frank B. Hogg and Mrs. William B. Rodgers.

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Society found the Avenue a pleasant place for gathering on Wednesday afternoon, and among those in the boxes were Mrs. Edward Hanna Small and her guests, Mrs. James Robert Tindle, Miss Althea Mohler, Miss Alice Wood Tindle, Miss Margaret Forsythe and Miss Willa Forsythe, Mrs. Henry Lafayette Collins, Mrs. Louise Beggs Sproull, Mrs. John Moorhead, Jr., Mrs. Henry Chalfant, Mrs. Oliver P. Nicola, Miss Marion Chambers, Miss Gertrude Irwin, Miss Isabel Pontefract, Miss Mathilda Clarkson, Miss Annie Chalfant, Miss Eleanor Chalfant and Miss Sarah G. Ricketson.

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Miss Ada McCrea entertained with an informal bridge party on Wednesday afternoon at her home in Ellsworth avenue, East End.

Entertainment for Soho Baths.

An exceedingly successful entertainment for the benefit of the Soho baths, which are perhaps the most interesting charity from the viewpoint of club women just now, was the luncheon given at the home of Mrs. Aaron West in St. Clair street, East End, on Wednesday afternoon. The luncheon was a hygienic one with breakfast foods, vegetables, etc., prepared in most tempting forms. Covers were laid for nearly 100. Holly wreaths and berries decorated the tables. Following the luncheon a musical program of exceptional excellence was given, the soloists including Ninian Yuille, Miss Adele Reahard, Miss Winifred Reahard and Mrs. John L'Amour. Mrs. West and Mrs. James P. Dick were in charge of the affair with a number of assistants.

Club to Celebrate Christmas.

Members of the Woman's club are anticipating with much interest their Christmas meeting, which will be held on Tuesday afternoon in the Young Women's Christian association rooms. Club papers of the usual kind will be laid aside and the Christmas spirit allowed full sway. There will be a tree with gifts for each of the guests and Christmas carols will be sung by a group of children. Mrs. Edwin Miller will have charge of the musical program and there will be Christmas story telling in which Mrs. Jane A. Hall, Mrs. W. C. Butterfield, Mrs. Charles W. Gerwig, Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Dallas Albert and Mrs. W. J. Glenn will take part.

Soho Benefit Entertainment.

Tickets for the benefit entertainment to be given at the Alvin theater on Monday, January 9, and for the following five afternoons and evenings are selling rapidly and everything promises the hoped-for success. It is being given under the auspices of the Soho Public Bath committee, of which Mrs. Alfred Longmore is chairman, Mrs. G. B. Sweeny treasurer, Mrs. Dallas Albert recording secretary and Mrs. S. W. Harper corresponding secretary. Tickets may be had from any of these women by application at their respective homes.

Lecture on Tolstoy.

Leslie W. Sprague lectured on "Tolstoy" before the Woman's club of Sewickley at their regular meeting during the past week.

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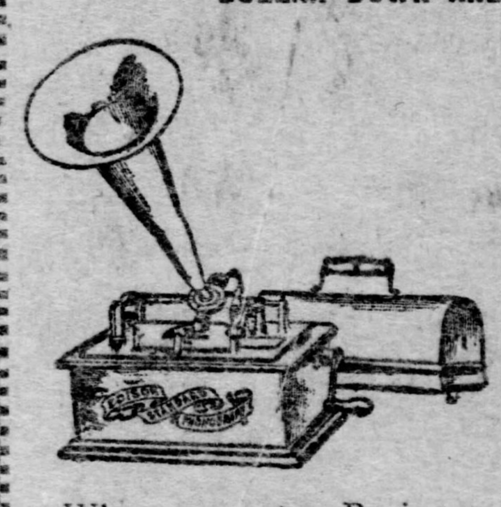

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AMONG THE CLUBS

PRESIDENT'S day at the Twentieth Century club on Friday afternoon was the event of the week in clubdom. Always an event of interest and importance it was as well attended as usual and the clubhouse with its comfortable and even luxurious environments was filled to overflowing during the reception hours with crowds of well-dressed women. Miss Julia Morgan Harding, president of the club, received the guests with two of the vice presidents, Miss Kate C. MacKnight and Miss Mary Louise Jackson. The entertainment committee included Miss Jackson, Mrs. Harmar Denny, Mrs. Charles L. Lyon, Mrs. John K. Moorhead, Mrs. John Ewing Woods, Mrs. Oliver D. Thompson, Mrs. Van Lear Shriver, Mrs. George W. McKee, Mrs. William Bacon Schiller and Mrs. William Thaw, Jr.

All were handsomely gowned and the drawing rooms of the club were decorated with choice flowers while tea was served in the dining room.

Miss Beatrice Herford, whose clever monologues are well known, gave a brief program, with the assistance of Mrs. James Stephen Martin, who sang several solos charmingly. Altogether the reception was a notably smart and enjoyable affair, and although several of the women who have been prominent members of the club for years were absent the gathering was one of representative Pittsburgh club women.

Civic Committee Meeting.

An exceptionally interesting meeting of the permanent civic committee of Woman's clubs of Western Pennsylvania was held yesterday morning in the civic rooms of Allegheny county with a simultaneous meeting of the civic board in the Methodist book rooms.

Plans for the annual conference of womans' clubs which will be held in Pittsburgh in January were discussed among other things. Mrs. M. M. Patterson, first vice president of the permanent civic committee, presided in the absence of Mrs. L. B. Duff, the president. Dr. Luba N. Robin submitted a report on the tenement house work of which she has charge, and Mrs. James Longmore read a report of the Soho bath work. The latter has aroused much enthusiasm among prominent Pittsburgh men recently, and the two large contributions received from H. C. Frick and the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company have done much to further the work. About half of the $25,000 which was pledged by the women of Pittsburgh has been raised and the amount will probably be increased. Plans for a benefit entertainment to be given early in January in the interests of the baths are well under way. Other reports read by the chairmen of the various committees showed unusual activity and much accomplished. The annual election of officers for the organization will take place during the conference.

Southern Women's Society.

At the meeting of the Southern Women's society on Friday afternoon in the Conservatory of Music in Dithridge street, the club president, Mrs. H. J. Ford, opened the program, but was obliged to leave to attend the presidents' reception at the Twentieth Century club. Mrs. J. M. Hall presided at the meeting and Mrs. James Parker was leader of the literary program. "A Study of Florida and the Carolinas" and "St. Augustine, Past and Present," was given by Mrs. E. T. Douglas. Mrs. J. M. Hall read a sketch of Ponce de Leon and a description of the short winter season in Florida. Mrs. Parker gave a short sketch of the Carolinas, telling of the work of the Colonial Dames. "The Cotton Field and its Contribution to the World" was read by Mrs. J. P. Lindsay, and a poem was read by Mrs. Ellen Costin. Music for the afternoon was unusually delightful, Mrs. E. O. Wright, Miss Hilda Willoughby, Mrs. MacFarland and little Miss Elizabeth McNeal contributing to it.

Relief Society Report.

The Ladies' Relief society of Allegheny city, submits the following report for the month of November: Collections, $848 25; disbursements, $580 62; balance, $267 63; distributions, 2,175 bushels coal, 89 pairs shoes, 35 yards flannel, 78 pairs stockings, 293 articles of clothing, 5 comforts, 2 blankets, 95 undergarments, groceries, $3. Fifty-seven families were relieved, 110 visits made and 10 persons furnished with employment. The society desires to express their thanks to those who have so generously aided them. These included George Westinghouse, $100; First United Presbyterian church, Allegheny, $64 25; A. Fried, $2; Isaac Kaufmann, 300 bushels of coal; Hon. W. M. Kennedy, 48 Brewer fund coal orders; the Joseph Horne company, goods; Rosenbaum company, G. L. Schondelmeyer & Co., George Hasley & Sons, 3 boxes of soap; the Needle Works Guild of Allegheny, 53 articles of clothing.

Lectured Before Travelers' Club.

Club women of town with but few exceptions devoted the time of their regular meeting on Wednesday to lectures and the usual attendance was considerably augmented in each instance. Dr. Thomas C. Blaisdell, professor of literature in the Pittsburg High school, lectured before the members of the Travelers' club on Shakespeare. The lecture was a most interesting one and followed closely upon the lines studied by the club this year. At the regular literary program which followed Mrs. Charles P. Lang was chairman and papers were read by Mrs. J. Lewis Srodes, Mrs. Lide P. Blair, Mrs. John L'Amour and Mrs. J. B. Montgomery.

Lectured Before Sorosis.

Another interesting lecture before a woman's club during the week was that of James Young of the Viola Allen company, to the members of Pittsburgh Sorosis on Friday afternoon at the Hotel Schenley. There was a large attendance and Mr. Young's defense of Shylock won him many new admirers. Preceding the lecture a delightful little program was arranged by Mrs. Dallas Albert in which Miss Madden gave several readings and there were solos by a new Welsh soloist.

Consumers' League Meeting.

A final meeting of the old board of the Consumers' league was held on Thursday morning at the Twentieth Century club to complete the business for the present year. Miss Eliza J. Armstrong presided and reports were read by the chairmen of the various committees. Beyond this and a general discussion of the work nothing more was done. This is the time of year when the league members are most active in enforcing their rules in the local stores.

Lawrenceville Club Meets.

Instead of their regular meeting the members of the Lawrenceville New Century club assembled on Tuesday to listen to a lecture by Prof. White on "Thomas Carlyle." The club is studying colonial history and several papers on early New York which had been prepared were read, Mrs. Daniel Covenay leading the literary program. The next meeting will be held on January 3.

Meeting of Colloquim.

Mrs. Charles R. Wray led the program at the meeting of the Colloquim club on Monday afternoon and a most interesting afternoon was spent. Mrs. W. A. Magee gave a delightful talk on "American Humorists," while American women writers were discussed by Mrs. R. G. Armstrong and other auxiliary papers were read. January 9 is the date of the next meeting.

Business Womens' Sale.

Yesterday afternoon and evening the rooms of the Business Club Women's club in Allegheny presented the appearance of a church bazar with booths of fancy articles and candies. There was a lively sale and the club members disposed of their respective products rapidly.

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Two interesting soloists, Maud Powell, violinist, and Carl Preusse, horn player, will co-operate in the program Conductor Emil Paur has arranged for the seventh set of concerts the Pittsburgh orchestra will give this season, next Friday evening and Saturday afternoon at the Pittsburgh Carnegie Music Hall. The program follows:

Serenade ("Haffner"), No. 7, in D major .... Mozart
(Violin obligato by Mr. von Kunits.)
Concerto in D Major No. 2, for violin and orchestra, op. 35 ..... Tschaikowsky
March from "The Ruins of Athens" .... Beethoven
Sinfonia from the "Christmas Oratorio" .... Bach
Concerto for horn and orchestra .... Mozart
Petite Suite, "Jeux d'Enfants" ..... Bizet
Violin solo.
Overture, "Fra Diavolo" .... Auber

Conductor Paur has conceived no happier idea since he came to Pittsburgh than the giving of three popular programs as part of the regular series of concerts. Mr. Paur's definition of "popular" is accepted to mean good music of a less serious character than the symphony, the classic overture, etc., which should be—because of the educational character of these concerts—the customary musical diet. As will be noted in the program, the "popular" cast is maintained with the exception of the concerto Miss Powell will play, which is one of the great masterpieces for violin and orchestra.

The "Haffner" serenade by Mozart, a novelty at these concerts, is one of several works in this form Mozart wrote, but the only one that has held its own in the modern concert repertoire. It was composed at Saltsburg for the wedding of Elizabeth Haffner, which took place July 21, 1776. Of the eight movements constituting the serenade, Mr. Paur has chosen four for this program; all are charming and in fine contrast, and are imbued with Mozart's wonderful melody.

In the early part of his career, Beethoven wrote much incidental music for plays and scenic productions, and among these the music to Kotzebue's play, "The Ruins of Athens" is prominent. Of the entire "Ruins of Athens" music only the march is heard nowadays. Bach wrote nothing more beautiful or tender than the instrumental interlude called Sinfonia to his "Christmas Oratorio," and Mr. Paur's selection of it for this concert is especially timely.

A wholly charming and delicious number is the Petite Suite "Jeux d'Enfants," by Bizet. In 1873 Edouard Colonne, leading conductor of the present day in France, who happens to be in New York this week, called on Bizet for some new music for his Sunday orchestral concerts at the Odeon theater, Paris, and the result was the charming suite to be performed this week. Bizet bethought himself of his own 12 little pieces for the pianoforte which he had recently published, and found that five of them would admit of transcription for orchestra. The music is thoroughly fantastic, and is rightly placed in this popular program.

Auber, a French composer, whose opera comiques have first position among works of their kind, has seldom if ever been represented at Pittsburgh orchestra concerts. Mr. Paur is a great admirer of this composer, and has chosen the overture to "Fra Diavolo," which is perhaps Auber's most delightful work in this form.

Maud Powell, who in every respect is the first woman violinist now before the public, is sure of an enthusiastic welcome at these concerts. The Tschaikowsky concerto she has chosen is the finest work in this form by this composer and is enormously difficult; in fact, after its dedication to the Hungarian violinist, Leopold Auer, on reading the score Auer pronounced it too difficult for performance, but he afterward played it. To Miss Powell belongs the honor of producing the work in its entirety for the first time on January 18, 1890. Since Miss Powell was heard in Pittsburgh she has appeared as guest at the leading concert institutions in Europe and at the present time is at the highest point in her career.

A distinct novelty at these concerts is the appearance of Carl Preusse, the celebrated horn player of the orchestra, in a concerto for horn and orchestra. Mr. Preusse was secured by Mr. Paur in Europe and is accounted the finest horn player now before the public of two continents, and this statement will be accepted by all who have heard his beautiful obligato work as he may have been called upon during the season thus far. The concerto he will play is one of three or four that Mozart wrote in Vienna when he was 21 years old for his friend Leutgeb, whose vocation was cheesemonger and whose avocation was solo player on the French horn. Mozart was ready to help the cheese peddler with his taste for music by composing for his favorite instrument. The concerto is written in three movements. In the last movement, a rondo, the original nature of the horn as a hunting instrument is made apparent. Throughout the work the customary concerto form is preserved, although each movement is short and simple.

The usual free organ recital will be given today by Edwin H. Lemare, city organist, in Pittsburgh Carnegie Music hall at 4 o'clock. The program's corner stone is Bach, the prelude and fugue in G major being the item chosen from this composer. The opening number is the "Semiramide" overture by Rossini. "Semiramide" was the last operate Rossini wrote and when Adelina Patti was in her prime it had a number of performances in the United States.

Wolstenholme, the English organist, is represented by two charming pieces, "The Seraph's Strain" and "Le Carillon," the first written in the light French style, the second being appropriately named because of the suggestion of bells which runs through the work. Mr. Lemare's own "Romance" in D flat completes the first half of the program.

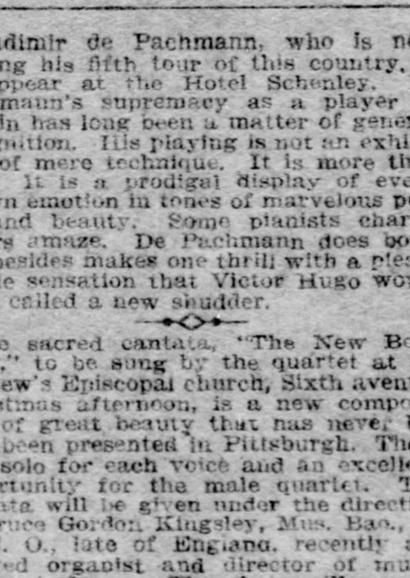
The second section begins with a slumber song by Cui, the Russian composer, originally written for violin and piano. Mr. Lemare has recently transcribed this composition for organ and its simplicity and charming melody will make its own appeal. Next follows two of the popular movements from the "Poor Gynt" suite, "Aase's Death" and "Morning Dawn." The recital concludes with Sir Arthur Sullivan's overture "In Memoriam," a favorite with Mr. Lemare and a composition that shows Sullivan's fine musicianship.

The usual fall evening recital will be given by Mr. Lemare next Saturday evening, but there will be no recital next Sunday afternoon—Christmas day.

The 649th free organ recital will be given next Thursday evening at the Allegheny Carnegie Music hall, by Caspar P. Koch, city organist. Mr. Koch will play Guilmant's most popular sonata, the first one in D minor. It will be heard for the first time at these recitals. Besides several popular transcriptions will be heard. The organist will be assisted by Miss Bertha Dietrich, soprano, and William Falck, trombonist.

George Herwig, a well known East End lad, who possesses a tenor voice of marked purity, is a member of the Cornell Glee club, which is about ready to start out from Ithaca on a tour of considerable length. Thus far no date has been arranged for Pittsburgh, but it is possible that the club will eventually get here.

The Mozart club will give its annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" on Tuesday evening, December 27, at the Pittsburgh Carnegie Music hall under the direction of J. P. McCollum, the club's able and popular conductor. The soloists engaged for this year are: Louise L. Coombs, soprano; Edith Harris Scott, contralto; William Lavin, tenor, and David Baxter, basso. Three of these are popular Pittsburgh singers. Mr. Lavin is a New Yorker of wide reputation as a successful and artistic oratorio singer. Although this will make a total of nearly 40 performances of "The Messiah" by the Mozart club (all under Mr. McCollum's direction), neither chorus nor public seem to tire of the beauty and power of Handel's music, and in Pittsburgh, as everywhere else, "The Messiah" is by far the most popular work in the repertoire of choral societies. The sale of seats will begin Wednesday, December 21, and as there is usually a large demand for tickets from out-of-town patrons, orders may be mailed to A. H. Brockett, 319 Fifth avenue, at any time and will be filled on December 21 in the order of receipt.



VLADIMIR DE PACHMANN.

Vladimir de Pachmann, who is now making his fifth tour of this country, is to appear at the Hotel Schenley. De Pachmann's supremacy as a player of Chopin has long been a matter of general recognition. His playing is not an exhibition of mere technique. It is more than that. It is a prodigal display of every known emotion in tones of marvelous purity and beauty. Some pianists charm, others amaze. De Pachmann does both, and besides makes one thrill with a pleasurable sensation that Victor Hugo would have called a new shudder.

The sacred cantata, "The New Born King," to be sung by the quartet at St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Sixth avenue, Christmas afternoon, is a new composition of great beauty that has never before been presented in Pittsburgh. There is a solo for each voice and an excellent opportunity for the male quartet. The cantata will be given under the direction of Bruce Gordon Kingsley, Mus. Bac., A. R. C. O., late of England, recently appointed organist and director of music at St. Andrews. The choir will consist of Miss Anna Gertrude Clark, soprano; Mrs. W. A. Lafferty, contralto; W. C. Earnest, tenor, and E. L. Peterson, basso; assisted by Miss Emma Baumann, soprano; Miss Gertrude Gray, contralto; Thomas Reed, tenor, and D. S. Harris, basso.

The testimonial Eisteddfod to be given under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Eisteddfod association at Old City hall on Monday, December 26, the day that will be generally observed as the Christmas holiday, is an event the Cambrians of Western Pennsylvania are looking forward to with the fondest anticipations. Nearly every Welshman is an ardent Eisteddfodist and looks upon these annual competitive gatherings as a day of unalloyed pleasure—a festival of music and a flow of oratory. The attachment of the sons and daughters of mountainous old Cambria to this ancient institution can readily be appreciated when it is stated that for centuries it has been the medium through which their love for music and art has been cultivated and for years it has served the purpose of an university to Wales, enabling the inhabitants to preserve its language, its laws and its history.

Local singers who will be in the coming contest are busily at work on the test selections. There will be two sessions—afternoon and evening, the morning being devoted to preliminary examinations. The chief feature of the afternoon is the competition arranged for children's choruses, numbering 40 to 50 voices, the selection being "Roses," by Arthur Richards, with an award of $50 and a gold medal for the conductor of the successful choir. The chief event of the evening is arranged for mixed choruses, 30 to 40 voices, the selection being Mendelssohn's "Hunting Song," with an award of $100 for the best rendition. Numerous other prizes will be awarded. Entries for the poetical contests will close December 16, and for the musical and declamatory on December 20.

Well-known men have been chosen to make the awards. The musical prizes will be announced by Prof. W. K. Steiner, of Pittsburgh, who was a member of the board of examiners at the Pittsburgh national Eisteddfod. The poetical awards will be made by J. Gwyandaf Jones, of Mt. Oliver, one of the best Welsh poets of the state. The Rev. J. T. Jones, of Ebensburg, will make the declamation awards. A. J. Edwards will act as conductor.

Are to Appear as Soloists at the Next Orchestra Concerts

CARL PREUSSE,
Horn Player.

MAUD POWELL,
Violin Soloist.

THE WEEK IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Washington resounds with the jingle of sleigh bells, blossoms with buds—and in its coat of snow generally presents an ideal Christmas appearance. Downtown the Christmas trees have begun to put in an appearance and amateur Santa Clauses are abroad in the land. Uptown the snowclad streets are gay during the afternoon hours with women and men hurrying from house to house to take part in the afternoon teas which are in full swing. Not in many years has the dressing been in such bright colors. In the residence streets women who lead the mode are to be seen in broadcloths of delicate shades of blue and lilac on into deep purples. Bright scarlet gowns are seen, too, and right down the gamut they run into shades of red until a dun brown is reached. Cream colored broadcloths with minor trimmings of pastel embroideries such as vests and cuffs have a great vogue and as for furs—ermine and mink and moleskin and black fox and silver fox divide honors with sable and seal. A brand new touch to the ultra modish walking gown is a vest and cuffs of calf skin in the "alderney" shades. In a tailor gown of red or reddish brown the calfskin trimming shows up with fine effect especially with a neck finish in the form of a calfskin cravat and a small flat muff made of the same skin to carry in the hand.

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The usual number of dinners and receptions marked the course of the week the admiral and Mrs. Dewey giving the second of their series of dinners. The secretary of the navy and Mrs. Morton, two of the most feted and popular dinner guests of the official world, availed themselves of the opportunity to have friends at dinner, entertaining in this fashion for the speaker of the house and Miss Cannon. The dinner tables were elaborately arranged in roses, a new pink blossom, the Killarney, making its first appearance on this occasion. The Mortons occupy the old home of the late Senator Quay in K street and are near neighbors to the Knoxes as well as a number of the cabinet families. The home selected by the secretary of the Navy is one admirably adapted to the uses of a generous host and throughout the winter it will be the scene of considerable entertaining not alone on the "official" count, since the secretary and Mrs. Morton have the distinction of launching one of the most charming young debutantes of the season. All through the winter Miss Morton has been sought after as a guest though her formal coming out was an event of this afternoon. Ample evidences of popularity abounded as the home was a bower of blossoms which came as tributes to the bud. Mrs. Morton had as her assistants Mrs. Dewey, wife of the admiral of the navy; Miss Cannon, daughter of the speaker of the house; and Miss Williams, together with the debutante's aunt, Mrs. J. R. Moran, of Chicago. Among the girls who surrounded the debutante, were Miss Hobson, a visiting friend from Boston; Miss Elkins, Miss Hoyt, and practically the entire debutante contingent. Mrs. Morton looked more like a girl than a matron in her gown of white lace, and the debutante, whose pretty face but supplements a most delightfully frank and cordial manner, wore white embroidered silk and carried a bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley.

A dinner of 30 covers followed the afternoon hours—from 3 until 7—and later in the season the coming out will be further marked by a cotillion, the date of which is not yet settled.

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All Washington is very much wrought up over the first international marriage of the season that everybody in society will have an opportunity of witnessing, namely, the marriage of Miss Glover and Jonkeer R. de Marces van W. Swinderen, minister from The Netherlands. This marriage is dated for next Wednesday and the bishop of washington is to officiate. The hour is noon; the scene the Church of the Epiphany; the best man, the minister from Belgium, Baron Moncheur, and the maid of honor Miss Isabella Hagner, who is a society woman of the city and shares the distinction which ensues from being social secretary to the mistress of the White House. Count Adam de Moltke de Huitfield, of Denmark, whose wife was a Miss Bonaparte, of Washington and Baltimore, has made the journey to serve in the wedding train which will be further distinguished by the presence of Maj. Charles McCawley, the President's social aide; a second count and a Dutch baron also will be in the train. The wedding breakfast will be served at the home of the bride's parents, and practically the entire diplomatic contingent will be guests. Altogether a most distinguished assemblage and befitting the alliance of an heiress with a diplomat. Of course, the "clothes" on this occasion, both for the men and the women, will make the wedding well worth seeing.

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In the matter of debutante teas Mrs. Reginald de Koven, wife of the composer, made a distinct departure by reverting to the one-time popular "thea et danse" to introduce Miss Estelle de Koven. The New Willard reception suit was preempted, and while the older ladies sipped tea the girls kept up with the twosteps and waltzes rendered by a string orchestra. As a debutante fete the tea and dance is a success—at least there are more men than usual in evidence on this occasion.

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The White House is, for the time being, without guests and socially inactive. Miss Roosevelt is off on one of her frequent jaunts in the East, going down to see the Misses Warder off on their outward bound sail. Incidentally in the high tide of merriment which accompanied the usual goodbys Miss Roosevelt indulged in a snowball bout with her girl friends who were in the group at the dock.

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In the social gayety Pittsburgh's representatives took notable part, Mrs. H. Kirke Porter's musicale and Miss Mercer's debut occurring, the first on Monday night, the second on Wednesday afternoon. The appearance of the Kunits string quartet especially with Mr. Paur in a piano number, warranted one in expecting great things, and throughout the program was a gem. The players were in the best of form and Mr. Paur's rendering of the piano score in the Schumann quintette brought forth a generous enthusiasm. As for the setting, nothing could have been more inspiring. The cards read 9:30 and at the hour named a distinguished group had assembled. The musicale was given in the drawing room, a large apartment opening into three scarcely less spacious rooms, the walls of which were hung with Mrs. Porter's beautiful tapestries and canvases. Mrs. Porter and her daughter, Miss Hegeman, together with Representative Porter, received guests. The receiving group stood at the entrance to the drawing room at the head of the great stairway and welcomed friends, who, after the English fashion in vogue at Washington, were announced.

Mrs. Porter wore an evening gown of white brocade, with strands of pearls about her neck, and Miss Hegeman, too, wore a gown of white, with low cut bodice and triple skirt. Her jewels were also pearls. All the notables of official and resident society were in attendance—the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Morton, the Secretary of the interior and Mrs. Hitchcock, the Speaker of the House and Miss Cannon, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Metcalf, the Postmaster General and Mrs. Wynne, representatives from the army and navy, the greater number of the associate judges, and the diplomatic corps was represented by the French ambassador and Madame Jusserand, the pretty little Frenchwoman looking most distinguished in a gown of black spangled net which had for relief on the skirt and bodice insets of yellow lilies worked out in sequins. The Austrian, Italian and Mexican embassies were all represented by the ambassadors and their ladies and the scene as midnight approached and the belated dinner guests appeared was as brilliant as a White House company. A buffet supper followed the program, at the conclusion of which Mr. Paur came in for no little lionizing.

Mrs. Porter and Miss Hegeman, who have made for themselves an enviable name as entertainers and guests, sent out cards this week for three receptions dated Jan. 3, 10 and 17.

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Miss Cornelia R. Mercer's debut brought together a large assemblage representative of resident society. The coming-out tea was given by the young girl's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Edward McLure, a member of one of Pittsburgh's old-time families. The home was profusely decorted with the debutante's floral trophies sent by relatives and friends in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Washington. Mrs. Dalzell and Mrs. J. F. Leach presided in the dining room and the debutantes of the resident and official sets surrounded the latest addition to their ranks.

Mrs. McLure wore a beautiful gown of gray silk and Miss Mercer's gown was white chiffon and lace and her flowers were pink roses, a toilette very becoming to the debutante who is pretty as well as graceful and accomplished to a degree. Pittsburgh guests were Miss Florence Coleman, Miss Alice Schmertz, and Mrs. Warren Seymour. A dinner served for the assistants followed the tea.

ROBERTA V. BRADSHAW.

To Lecture on Art.

John W. Beatty, director of fine arts at Carnegie institute, will give an informal lecture on the present art exhibition before the Pittsburgh Teachers' Art club in the Carnegie galleries on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

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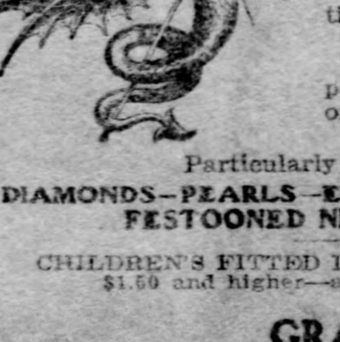

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Wall Street Was Pleased With the Financial Showing, but Later Took Fright from the "Boston Bogy-Man."

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

The weekly statement of the associated banks of New York yesterday was more favorable than the estimates, and probably for the first time in weeks reflected actual conditions in the money market. The decrease of more than $22,000,000 loans was to be expected in view of the extensive liquidation of large pools in the stock market during the last two weeks. The average net decrease in specie was $822,500, which was less than half the total exports of gold coin during the week. The increase in legal tenders amounted to $523,300, and the net decrease in the cash holdings of the banks was only $299,200, showing that the receipts of currency from the interior nearly offset gold exports, the transfer of money to San Francisco and the loss through sub-treasury operations. The reserve requirements decreased nearly $5,500,000, and the surplus reserve therefore increased $5,181,425. The total surplus reserve now stands at $14,546,625, which is about half a million larger than at the corresponding date a year ago and $7,500,000 larger than two years ago. Throughout the week rates for call loans remained easy within a range of 2½ to 3½ per cent, and the free offerings of time loans indicated that bankers are looking forward to an accumulation of funds after the turn of the year. There is a strong probability that gold exports will be continued the coming week, but these exports have long ceased to cause uneasiness in the money market. Following were the changes in detail in the bank statement:

Loans	$1,060,057,700	Dec.	$22,031,700
Specie	211,142,600	Dec.	822,500
Legal tenders	77,433,400	Inc.	523,300
Deposits	1,096,117,500	Dec.	21,922,500
Circulation	42,820,500	Inc.	286,400
Total reserve	288,576,000	Dec.	299,200
Required reserve	274,029,375	Dec.	5,480,625
Surplus reserve	14,546,625	Inc.	5,181,425
Surplus in 1903	14,025,500	Inc.	5,947,525
Surplus in 1902	8,093,600	Dec.	293,300

The stock market opened buoyant yesterday, there being a continuation of the covering movement which was in progress at the close of the market the night before. The bulls were further encouraged by the strength displayed in London, where U. S. Steel stocks led an advance in the American department. Steel preferred was notably strong and advanced to 93, representing a complete recovery of all the loss of the week. The common stock rallied to 30¼, which was only a fraction below the close a week ago. New York Central and Union Pacific were the strongest of the railroad list and scored good gains. When the bank statement appeared prices were at their best, and there was every indication that the market would close buoyant, producing a good effect over Sunday and possibly setting the tone for Monday. Just as the street was congratulating itself upon the strong recovery a bulletin was issued by the "Boston bogy-man" to the effect that as soon as he had completed this month's instalment for his magazine article he would devote his attention to an article on the securities of the U. S. Steel corporation. Absurd as it may appear, traders tumbled over each other to unload the stocks which they had accumulated for the purpose of carrying over Sunday and selling at higher prices. Steel common broke to and closed at 29¼ and the preferred to 91⅝, the lowest of the day. Union Pacific also lost practically all its previous gain and the rest of the list sold off, the close being heavy. The sales for the day foot up 660,600 shares.

In the subjoined table comparing final sales yesterday with final sales one week ago it will be noted that the largest gain in any stock was 2½ per cent in New York Central. The upward movement in this stock occurred late Friday afternoon and it was connected with a rumor that in case the Northern Securities decision were in favor of the Hill-Morgan interests the Harriman interests would form a rival transcontinental system by joining the New York Central, Northwest and the Union-Southern Pacific roads. This would make a remarkably strong combination, and the buying of Union Pacific yesterday, which carried the price up to 111⅛, just where it closed a week ago, may have been stimulated by the rumor. It will be noticed that Northwest closed unchanged for the week, and that Union Pacific closed only 1⅛ per cent lower, which is a good record, considering the weakness that prevailed in the market during the week. Baltimore & Ohio shows the insignificant net loss of only ⅜ for the week. The November statement of the road showing an increase in net earnings of $291,000, and the confident feeling that the dividend rate will be increased early in the new year, were factors in the strength displayed. Reading and Norfolk & Western were also well supported during the week, and favorable dividend action in relation to both is talked of for next year. In the industrial list Amalgamated Copper closed at a net decline of 3⅞ per cent, but is 6 per cent above the low point of the week. Stocks of the car-building companies closed at slight net gains, due to reports of the placing of additional orders for rolling stock. U. S. Leather common closed at a net loss of 4⅛ per cent. Following were the changes in detail:

	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Ch'ge.
Amalgamated Copper	71¼	67⅜	—3⅞
American Car & Foundry	33	33¼	+ ¼
Do preferred	92½	92½	0
American Locomotive	34	33	—1
Do preferred	103½	102¼	—1¼
American Smelting	81½	80⅛	—1⅜
American Ice	8¾	7⅜	—1⅜
Do preferred	39¼	39½	+ ¼
Atchison	86⅝	85⅛	—1½
Do preferred	103½	102½	—1
Baltimore & Ohio	100⅝	100¼	— ⅜
Do preferred	95¼	95¼	0
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	62	59¾	—3¼
Chicago & Alton	44½	42½	—2
Canadian Pacific	132	130⅜	—1⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	48⅝	48	— ⅝
Consolidated Gas	209	202	—7
Chicago Great Western	23⅜	22½	— ⅞
Colorado Fuel	48¾	46	—2¾
Cotton Oil	37¾	35	—2¾
Colorado Southern	22	22½	+ ½
Do 1st preferred	58	57	—1
Do 2d preferred	34	35	+1
Delaware & Hudson	188	185½	—2½
Erie	38½	37	—1½
Do 1st preferred	76	74½	—1½
Do 2d preferred	56⅝	55½	—1⅛
General Electric	189	186½	—2½
Illinois Central	155	154½	— ½
International Paper	25	24½	— ½
Do preferred	79⅞	77¼	—2⅝
Iowa Central	32½	29	—3½
Do preferred	63½	55¾	—7¾
National Lead	24	23½	— ½
Do preferred	96½	97	+ ½
Leather	18⅝	14½	—4⅛
Do preferred	102¾	101½	—1¼
Manhattan	164¾	164	— ¾
Metropolitan St. Ry	121⅛	120¾	— ⅜
Missouri Pacific	108⅞	107⅞	—1
Mexican Central	21⅝	21½	— ⅛
Nashville	142⅞	140	—2⅞
New York Central	138	140½	+2½
Norfolk & Western	78⅝	78¾	+ ⅛
North American	101	101¼	+ ¼
Northwest	206½	206½	0
Ontario & Western	44⅜	43½	— ⅞
Pacific Mail	44½	44¼	— ¼
Pennsylvania R. R.	137¼	136⅝	— ⅝
Peoples Gas	108	106½	—1½
Pressed Steel Car	38¾	39¼	+ ½
Do preferred	90	90⅛	+ ⅛
Reading	79¾	78⅛	—1⅝
Do 1st preferred	90	89	—1
Do 2d preferred	82	82	0
Railway Steel Spring	32	32	0
Do preferred	91	91	0
Republic Iron	16½	16	— ½
Do preferred	69	68½	— ½
Rock Island	35⅝	33	—2⅝
Do preferred	85½	83½	—2
Southern Railway	35⅜	34½	— ⅞
Do preferred	96	96¼	+ ¼
Southern Pacific	64⅜	62½	—1⅞
Sugar	143¾	140⅝	—3⅛
St. Louis & Southwestern	26½	25⅜	—1⅛
Do preferred	58⅜	57⅝	— ¾
St. Paul	172	169½	—2½
Tennessee Coal & Iron	72⅛	71	—1⅛
Texas	36	34⅝	—1⅜
Toledo, St. Louis & Western	37¾	36⅞	— ⅞
Do preferred	55	54½	— ½
Union Pacific	111⅛	110	—1⅛
United States Steel	30¾	29¼	—1½
Do preferred	92	91¾	— ¼
Wabash	22½	22½	0
Do preferred	44¾	44	— ¾
Wisconsin Central	22¼	21⅞	— ⅜
Do preferred	46⅞	45⅛	—1¾
Western Union	92¾	94	+1¼
United States Cast Iron Pipe	19	18¾	— ¼
Do preferred	79½	79⅞	+ ⅜

The local market was fairly active and strong during the short session yesterday and closed with most stocks showing net advances for the day. The most active feature was Westinghouse Electric, which suddenly developed strength and advanced 2 points to 92¼, the movement starting in the east. The Pittsburgh Coal stocks were also strong, the common advancing to 23¼ and the preferred to 82⅝. Union Switch & Signal gained 1½ points, selling at 83½. The steel stocks were only moderately active, but closed higher. Pittsburgh Plate Glass sold at 129 to 128, a decline of 2 per cent. American Sewer Pipe advanced a dollar a share to 27½. Six shares of Union Trust at $2,500 a share was the only transaction in the bank groups and there were no sales of bonds.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday were as follows:

10:00 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

50 P. Coal pfd.	81½	60 F. Proof pfd.	33¼
50 do.	81½	10 do.	33¼
50 do.	81¾	20 do.	33¼
50 do.	81¾	25 do.	33¼
25 do.	81⅞	100 Electric 2nds.	90½
50 do.	82	50 do.	90½
55 do.	82	5 do.	90½
45 do.	82	50 do.	91
75 do.	82⅝	50 do.	91
5 do.	82	50 do.	91
50 do.	82¼	100 P. Coal com.	23¼
15 Crucible com.	9⅛	30 do.	23¼
100 U. S. Stl. com.	29¼	50 do.	23⅛
50 do.	29½	50 do.	23⅛
25 do.	29½	20 U. S. Stl. pfd.	92
100 Riv. Coal pfd.	29	100 do.	91¾
25 F. Proof com.	11	100 Tonopah Ext.	3.18

10:30 A. M. to 11:00 A. M.

50 P. Oil & Gas.	74	50 Electric 2nds.	90⅞
5 do.	74	10 do.	90⅞
30 do.	74	50 do.	91
6 Union Trust.	2500	50 do.	91
10 Crucible com.	9⅛	50 do.	91
50 do.	9	10 do.	91
10 Brewing pfd.	46½	20 do.	91
20 P. Plate Gl.	129	50 do.	91
50 U. S. Stl. com.	29½		

11:00 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.

80 P. Plate Gl.	128	50 Crucible pfd.	49¼
50 Electric 2nds.	91¼	20 Brewing com.	26½
10 do.	91½	35 do.	26½
5 do.	91¼	10 P. Coal pfd.	82¼
200 U. S. Stl. com.	29⅞	10 do.	82¼
7 Riv. Coal pfd.	28	100 U. S. Stl. pfd.	92⅝
20 Crucible pfd.	49	20 do.	92¾
50 do.	49⅛	100 Tonopah Ext.	3.18
20 do.	49⅛		

11:30 A. M. to 12:00 M.

5 Electric 2nds.	91	10 Electric 2nds.	92⅛
50 do.	91¼	50 do.	92
100 do.	91½	50 P. Coal pfd.	82
25 do.	91½	50 M. L. & H.	39½
10 do.	91½	50 Sewer Pipe	27½
25 do.	91½	150 do.	27½
60 do.	91½	100 P. Coal com.	23¼
50 do.	92	100 do.	23⅛
25 do.	92	100 do.	23⅛
5 do.	92	50 do.	23⅛
200 do.	92	50 Switch com.	83½
10 do.	92¼	25 do.	83½
35 do.	92¼	30 U. S. Stl. com.	29¾
100 do.	92	100 do.	30
35 do.	92	5 F. Proof com.	11¼
50 do.	92¼	10 F. Proof pfd.	33¼
100 do.	92	90 do.	33¼
100 do.	92	20 Con. Ice com.	8
50 do.	92	10 Brewing com.	26½
50 do.	92⅛	25 do.	26½
25 do.	92⅛	20 Ohio Fuel	41
5 do.	92⅛	100 A. Val. pfd.	31
10 do.	92⅛		

Summary.

Sales.	High.	Low.	Last Sales.	Ch'ge.
100 Ally. Val pref.	31	31	31	0
90 Brewing	26½	26½	26½	0
10 Do preferred	46½	46½	46½	0
20 Con. Ice	8	8	8	— ¼
140 Do preferred	49¼	49	49¼	+ ¼
30 Fireproof	* 11¼	11	* 11¼	+ ¼
215 Do preferred	33¼	33¼	33¼	+ ½
50 Mfrs. L. & H.	39½	39½	39½	+ ½
20 Ohio Fuel	41	41	41	0
580 Pgh. Coal	23¼	23⅛	23⅛	+ ⅝
575 Do preferred	82⅝	81½	82	+ ⅝
80 Pgh. Oil & Gas	74	74	74	+1¼
100 Pgh. Pl. Glass	129	128	128	—2
107 River Coal pref.	29	* 28	! 28	—1½
200 Sewer Pipe	27½	27½	27½	+1
200 Tonopah Ex.	† 3.18	3.18	3.18	+.03
75 U. Switch com.	83½	83½	83½	+1½
555 U. S. Steel com	30	29¼	30	+1
240 Do preferred	92¾	91¾	92¾	+2
1835 West. El. 2ds.	92¼	90½	92	+2
BANK STOCKS.				
6 Union Trust	2500	2500	2500	0
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!Less than 10 shares. †New high mark.

Closing Bids and Offers.

BANK STOCKS.	Par.	Bid.	Ask.
Allegheny Nat. Bank, Pgh.	50	.....	140
Arsenal Bank	50	140	.....
Diamond National	100	410	.....
Exchange National	50	.....	90
Farmers Dep. National	100	.....	1400
Federal National	100	.....	158
Fourth National	100	125	160
German National, Pgh.	100	.....	250
Marine National	100	.....	160
Nat. Bank of West. Penna.	100	.....	220
Traders & Mechanics	50	70	.....
Safe Deposit & Trust	100	440	450
Commonwealth Trust	100	200	210
Iron City Trust	100	.....	140
Bank of Secured Savings	50	75	.....
Teutonic Ins.	50	.....	100
German Ins.	50	73¼	.....
Mfrs. Light & Heat	50	39½	.....
Ohio Fuel Supply	25	.....	41½
Pittsburgh Oil & Gas	100	74	.....
Citizens Traction	50	.....	70
Tonopah Ex.	1	3.15	.....
Luster Mining	10	11	13½
Allegheny Valley R. R. pref.	50	31	.....
Westinghouse Elec.	50	91¾	91⅞
Consolidated Ice	50	7⅝	8
Do preferred	50	37	.....
Crucible Steel	100	9⅛	9½
Do preferred	100	49	49½
Harbison-Walker Co. pref.	100	62	.....
Monon. River Coal pref.	50	28⅝	29
Marsden	100	4	4¼
National Fireproofing	50	11¼	11¼
Do preferred	50	33¼	.....
Philadelphia Co.	50	41½	.....
Pittsburgh Brewing	50	26⅜	26½
Do preferred	50	46⅝	46½
Pittsburgh Coal	100	22⅞	23½
Do preferred	100	.....	82¼
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	100	.....	135
Pgh. Stove & Range	50	8	10
Union Switch & Signal	50	83½	83¾
United States Glass	100	47½	49½
United States Steel	100	.....	29¾
Do preferred	100	.....	92½
Westinghouse Air Brake	50	146	150
American Sewer Pipe	100	27⅝	27½
BONDS.			
Pgh., McK. & Conn. 1st 5s.	.....	100	100½
Monon. L. & P. 5s.	.....	.....	100
Monon. River Coal 6s.	.....	111	.....
Pittsburgh Brewing 6s.	.....	.....	115
Monon. Ct. Ry. 5s.	.....	.....	115
Am. Sewer Pipe 6s.	.....	99	.....
Harb.-Walker 5s.	.....	101½	.....
Pgh. Warehouse 5s.	.....	100	.....

PIG IRON WARRANTS.

The following quotations were made on warrants of the American Pig Iron Storage Warrant Co.:

Class.	Bid.	Ask.
A—February delivery	$18.10	$18.50
B—February delivery	17.00	17.20
D—February delivery	16.90	17.15
A—December delivery	....	18.25
A—January delivery	18.10	18.30
D—December delivery	16.80	....
D—January delivery	16.95	17.50

Financial Chronology for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12.—Collapse in values occurred on the New York stock exchange in the final dealings and prices closed weak at the lowest. Sales foot up 2,068,800 shares, of which 230,900 shares were United States Steel common, 266,000 shares United States Steel preferred and 225,100 shares Amalgamated Copper, the latter breaking 9½ per cent to 61½. Call loan rates opened at 3¼ and declined to 2 per cent at the close. Sterling exchange strong and higher. In Boston all copper stocks were weak and lower, Greene Consolidated breaking 11 points. In Pittsburgh the market closed lower, but there were no violent breaks. Cotton and wheat also closed lower. Total exports of breadstuffs in November, $6,769,654, a decrease of $8,436,213. Exports of cotton decreased $8,240,580.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13.—New York stock market opened panicky, prices showing declines of 1 to 3 per cent. The weakness disappeared at the end of the opening half hour and there was a strong recovery, most stocks closing higher for the day. Call loans ranged between 2½ and 3 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm and higher. Total sales of stocks were 1,597,300 shares, of which 185,900 were Amalgamated Copper, 176,300 United States Steel common, 164,100 United States Steel preferred and 149,800 Union Pacific. Pittsburgh stocks dull and heavy, closing at net declines.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14.—New York stocks opened strong, advanced for the greater part of the day and then became weak in the closing hour, prices declining rapidly under the lead of Amalgamated Copper and Atchison. Sales were 1,190,200 shares stock and $3,520,000 bonds. Atchison declined on the calling of a special meeting of stockholders to vote upon an issue of $50,000,000 common stock and a like amount of convertible bonds. Gold coin to the amount of $1,600,000 engaged for export to Germany. Call loan rates ranged between 3 and 2½ per cent. Sterling exchange firmer and higher. Iron market strong.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15.—Dealings on the New York stock exchange the smallest for more than a month, footing up 734,900 shares stock and $3,235,000 bonds. Prices were irregular, but closed higher. United States Steel preferred, Reading and Atchison were the strongest. The Louisville and Nashville declared a dividend of 3 per cent, being an increase from 2½ per cent declared six months ago. Call loan rates easy at 2¾ to 3 per cent. Sterling exchange firm and a small lot of gold coin was engaged for shipment to South America. Pittsburgh stock market dull and averaged lower, Pittsburgh Coal leading the decline. Pennsylvania Railroad places orders for 102,700 tons steel rails at $28 a ton for 1905 delivery.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16.—Stock market firm from start to finish, closing prices showing net gains ranging from ½ to 3 per cent. Sales reached 915,800 shares stock and $4,195,000 bonds. Call loans easy at 2¾ to 3 per cent. Sterling exchange firm and a small amount of gold was taken for export to South America. The foreign trade balance for November reported $20,000,000 smaller than for the corresponding month last year. Wheat strong and higher on improvement in cash demand.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17.—The stock market was active and strong until just before the close, when it reacted sharply and closed weak. Sales 660,600 shares. The bank statement was regarded as favorable, showing a decrease of $22,031,700 in loans, a net decrease of $299,200 in cash reserves and an increase of $5,181,425 in surplus reserves.

Savings Bank Dividends Increased.

The raising by the Bowery Savings bank of New York of its rate of dividend to depositors from 3½ to 4 per cent is an event of great interest. Of the 28 savings banks in the county of New York (Manhattan) 18 have been paying 3½ per cent interest, one has paid 3 and 3½, two have paid 3½ and 4 per cent, one has paid 3 and 4 per cent, while six have paid 4 per cent. To the latter number the Bowery is now added and as this is the largest savings institution in New York city, with resources of 96,391,000 and carrying $87,503,000 of deposits, its action will doubtless have an influence on the policy of other banks. It is announced that the Bowery's action is based in part on the anticipated repeal of the savings bank tax. Inasmuch as the total savings bank deposits in New York state are $1,166,091,444, the repeal of this tax, granting that it should add an average of one-half of 1 per cent in interest, would increase the revenues of the savings bank depositors by $5,830,000.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Dealings on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange last week fell off more than 50 per cent as compared with the previous week. The net changes in price, however, make a more favorable comparison than New York. Out of 47 stocks dealt in, 20 show net declines, 20 net advances and seven unchanged from the sales previous to last week. Pittsburgh Coal was again the leader in point of activity, and while the common closed 1½ per cent lower, the preferred closed ¼ higher. Westinghouse Electric yesterday reached the highest price of the week and closed at a net gain of 1¼ points. Crucible Steel common and preferred each lost ¼ per cent from the week, but closed firm. United States Steel closed ½ per cent lower for the common and 1 per cent higher for the preferred. A feature of the bank list was the sale of 15 shares of Union Trust at $2,500 a share.

Nearly 800 shares Allegheny Valley preferred changed hands during the week, and nearly all was bought by Whitney, Stephenson & Company.

Pittsburgh bank exchanges for the week increased $8,700,000 over the same week last year.

The Potter Title and Trust Company has issued its legal directory for 1905. It contains a list of the members of the Allegheny county bar, magistrates of the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and the officers of state and federal courts. It is issued in pocket edition size and is conveniently arranged for quick reference.

The trustees of the Dollar Savings Bank have declared a dividend of 2 per cent for the six months ended November 30, 1904, payable forthwith. The 99th semi-annual report shows total deposits of $21,552,970.

It is reported that the National City bank of New York has offered $600 a share for the stock of the First National of Chicago, provided it can secure control. The report is denied by Vice President D. R. Forgan.

The directors of the International Steam Pump Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of ½ of 1 per cent on the common stock, payable January 3.

The Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company has declared a regular dividend of 1¾ per cent, payable January 2 to stockholders of record December 21. This is the 85th quarterly dividend.

At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Pittsburgh and Parkersburg Oil Company, held on December 6, 1904, a dividend of ½ of 1 per cent was declared on the capital stock of the company now outstanding; transfer books to close on December 10 and re-open on December 21.

The United States Leather readjustment plan, being very unfavorable to the common stock, caused heavy selling and a sharp decline in that stock.

M. P. C.—The Federal Steel Company is still technically in existence, its stock being held in the treasury of the United States Steel Corporation against the United States Steel stocks issued in exchange. The basis of exchange was as follows: For each $100 Federal Steel preferred $110 United States Steel preferred and $107.50 United States Steel common were exchanged. The National Tube Company has no jurisdiction over the Lorain Steel Company at Johnstown, Pa. The latter was one of the constituent properties of the Federal Steel Company.

The report of railroad earnings for the first week of December shows larger traffic than last year. Total gross earnings are $6,774,680, a gain of 8 per cent compared with the corresponding week last year. This is about the same as for the two preceding months.

Philadelphia bank stocks are still selling lower than in New York, Boston, Chicago and Pittsburgh, and there is no attempt to put book value and goodwill into the market price. In a list of 10 prominent Philadelphia institutions prepared by the Philadelphia News Bureau, it is seen that the stock of one-sixth are selling below the actual book value. In one case, that of the Merchants National, the stock is quoted 72 points below book value. The stock of a great bank like the Fourth Street National with a valuable and growing business brings in the market but 26 points above the book value. The goodwill of this institution would probably bring $1,000,000 at auction any day. The Philadelphia National sells at 40 points above book value, but the First National is only 7 points above.

The American Locomotive Company received the order for 32 locomotives recently placed by the Lackawanna. The Lackawanna also ordered 1,700 cars, of which 1,600 cars were given to the American Car and Foundry Company and 200 to the South Baltimore car works.

The Railroad Gazette reports new orders for railway equipment placed the past week as follows: American Car and Foundry, Jersey Central, 500 box cars; Union Refrigerator Transit Company, 200 cars repaired; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 5 baggage cars; Chicago & Eastern Illinois, 200 National dump cars and miscellaneous orders for 15 cars. Standard Steel Car, Reading, 1,000 box cars; Maine Central, 100 freight cars; Bessemer & Lake Erie, 1,000 gondola cars, and Lehigh Valley, 50 gondola cars. Pullman—Southern Pacific, 10 coaches; San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake, 8 coaches, and Illinois Central, 250 cars repaired. Mt. Vernon Car Company, Central Vermont, 1,000 box cars. American Locomotive, 8 engines from different companies.

The preliminary figures of the total value for United States exports and imports for November and for 11 months compare with actual figures for the past three years as follows (000 omitted):

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	1904.	1903.	1902.
MERCHANDISE.			
November—			
Imports	$ 95,157	$ 77,006	$ 85,386
Exports	157,679	160,268	125,200
Exc. of exp.	62,521	83,262	39,814
Eleven months—			
Imports	939,345	917,725	874,959
Exports	1,305,738	1,309,933	1,212,693
Exc. of exp.	366,393	392,207	337,733
GOLD EXCLUSIVE OF ORE.			
November—			
Imports	$ 4,714	$ 11,370	$ 5,981
Exports	20,813	993	720
Exc. of imp.	*16,098	10,377	5,261
Eleven months—			
Imports	81,414	48,037	42,006
Exports	107,709	42,882	33,177
Exc. of imp.	*26,294	5,155	8,829
SILVER EXCLUSIVE OF ORE.			
November—			
Imports	$ 2,452	$ 2,556	$ 2,199
Exports	3,405	6,067	3,762
Exc. of exp.	953	3,511	1,563
Eleven months—			
Imports	23,692	21,985	23,701
Exports	46,020	34,094	43,726
Exc. of exp.	22,328	12,198	20,024

*Excess of exports.

New York Clearing House.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The statement of averages of the clearing house of banks of this city for the week shows: Loans $1,060,057,700, increase $22,031,700; deposits $1,096,117,500, decrease $21,922,500; circulation, $42,780,500, increase $246,400; legal tenders $77,433,400, increase $523,300; specie $211,142,600, decrease $822,500; reserve $288,576,000, decrease $299,200; reserve required $274,029,375, decrease $5,480,625; surplus $14,546,625, increase $5,181,425; ex-United States deposits $20,352,150, increase $5,160,450.

FINANCIAL AND TRADE NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—National bank notes received today for redemption, $935,186; government receipts from internal revenue, $839,597; customs, $800,252; miscellaneous, $364,172; expenditures, $1,740,000.

SALES FOR THE WEEK.

Sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange for the week ended December 17, 1904, were as follows:

Sales.	High.	Low.	Last Sales.	Ch'ge.
740 Ally. V. pfd.	31	30½	31	0
50 Amal. Cop'r.	64⅛	64⅛	64⅛	—16⅜
765 Brewing	26¾	*26¼	26½	— ¼
100 Do pref.	46½	46½	46½	— ⅛
8 City Ins.	†70	70	70	+15½
1185 Cons. Ice	8¼	7	8	+ ⅝
60 Do pref.	37½	37½	37½	+ ½
1892 Crucible St'l	*9½	8¾	9	— ¼
2146 Do pref.	49¼	47¼	49¼	— ¼
309 Fire Proofing	11¼	*10¾	*11¼	— ⅛
1125 Do pref.	33¾	32½	33¼	— ½
20 H.-W. Ref.	9¼	9¼	9¼	+ ¾
25 Do pref.	63	63	63	—2
60 Luster Min.	12	11½	11½	—1
1038 Mfr. L. & H.	39½	38¾	39½	0
10 Marsden	4¼	4¼	4¼	+ ¼
50 Mon. Water.	†45	45	45	+5
80 Ohio Fuel	41½	41	41	— ¾
125 Phila. Co.	42	41½	41½	— ½
150 Do pref.	45	45	45	—2
7080 Pgh. Coal	25	21	23⅛	—1½
4897 Do pref.	82⅝	80	82	+ ¼
1045 P. Oil & Gas	74	72	74	— ¾
150 P. Pl. Glass.	129	128	128	—2
100 River Coal	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅜
270 Do pref.	*30	*28	*28	—2
1039 Sewer Pipe	27½	26	27½	+2
194 Stove & R.	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	+3
1144 Do pref.	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	+1½
10150 Tonopah Ext.	†3.18	2.92	3.18	+ .28
383 U. S. Glass.	47½	47½	47½	0
100 Union Switch	83½	82	83½	0
5720 U. S. Steel	30	26⅛	30	— ½
2009 Do pref.	92¾	*85	92¾	+1
100 Wabash pfd.	44	44	44	+6
156 W. Air Br'ke	148	146	148	+3
1 W. Elec. 1sts	94	94	94	+1½
3425 Do 2ds	92¼	87¼	92	+1¼
70 Win Glass pf	50	48	50	+2
BANK STOCKS.				
25 Colonial Tr.	380	380	380	—5
5 Com. Trust	200	200	200	—10
15 Equitable Tr.	170	170	170	+5
40 Exch. N. B.	88	88	88	+ ½
20 G. A. S. & T.	161	160¼	161	+1
10 Home Trust	124½	124½	124½	0
19 Iron City Tr.	140	140	140	0
15 Union Trust	2500	2500	2500	0
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BONDS.				
$4000 Brewing 6s	114½	114½	114½	— ½
13000 M. L. & P. 5s	100	100	100	0
7000 P., M. & C. 5s	100	100	100	0
$24000				
PIG IRON W'R'TS.				
20 D, Jan. del.	16.95	16.85	16.95	......

*Less than 10 shares. †New high mark. ‡At auction.

Big Days in the Market.

From October 24 to December 15 every full day on the New York stock exchange witnessed more than 1,000,000 shares a day handled. Once during that period the total reached 3,000,000 shares. This record has been exceeded only once in the history of the exchange.

Commission brokers like an active market, but they don't like a market that runs over 2,000,000 shares a day, because in the confusion that attends such markets there are always numerous mistakes, which are sometimes very costly, and the expense falls on the house. From the time an order to buy or sell leaves a customer until the report of execution is received the message has been handled by numerous employes. The order from the customer may be verbal. The receiver jots it down before or after he verbally gives it to the telegraph operator at his elbow. The telegraph operator at the New York end of the wire receives and gives it to a clerk, who makes a record of it and probably transmits it by telephone to the stock exchange. There it is received by another employe of the New York house known as a telephone boy. The latter conveys the message to the member of the stock exchange, who may be employed for that day to handle orders in special stocks on the exchange. The market is in session five hours a day, which is 300 minutes or 18,000 seconds. Within this period perhaps 10,000 orders, representing 2,000,000 shares, not to speak of the millions of bonds handled within the same time, are transmitted over telegraph and telephone wires or by word of mouth, and in the transmission from two to eight persons have been involved. The machinery of the brokerage business is elaborated with the view to accuracy and speed, but it is no wonder mistakes happen in an active day, and when mistakes are made some one is the loser, and that one is not the customer, because all reputable commission houses assume the responsibility for the mistakes of employes.

Naturally when a mistake occurs which may involve hundreds or thousands of dollars one employe seeks to throw the error from his own shoulders to another, and quite as naturally the employer is interested in locating the responsibility. In addition to the local system of checks on each other's work, the best equipped houses employ the services of what is known as a "telltale." In the case of one Pittsburgh house which does an enormous business in both New York and Chicago, this telltale is located in an office in the latter city. All the wires of a vast private system, which are leased to various houses in various cities, are connected with this telltale. Every message from every instrument connected with this system is recorded on the telltale. Attached to the latter is a clock, which registers every half minute. The operator who sends a message always dates and times the same. If a dispute occurs over an order or message and it is of sufficient consequence to sift the matter down a message is sent to the custodian of the telltale in Chicago, who is instructed to transcribe a message sent at a certain hour and minute of the day. The record is examined and the dispute is settled by the location of the man who made the error, but the commission house has to stand the cost just the same.

FINANCIAL.

American Nickel Company,

General Office Manhattan Life Building,
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New York, December 14, 1904.

TO THE PUBLIC:

We beg to confirm the announcement of the International Nickel Company that it "has no connection with this Company," but deny the assertion that "our stock is being persistently advertised in the daily papers for sale."

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It is in safe, sound financial condition—has no bonded nor mortgage indebtedness of any kind, and has no floating debt. The Balance Sheet dated December 12, 1904, just completed by Mr. Albert E. Little, the well-known Certified Public Accountant, shows this statement "is correct and in accordance with the books."

It owns four nickel mines, buildings, machinery, electric plant and a town site, etc., at Nickel, Churchill Co., Nevada, under impregnable title, confirmed by the U. S. Supreme Court at Washington. The eminent expert authorities, Cosme Puig, E. M.; James F. Lyon, E. M.; C. P. Turner, E. M., and Charles Bell, E. M., state in their reports that this Company owns and is developing the richest nickel mines in the world.

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This Company will begin the payment of regular dividends early in 1905, and during the interim 6 per cent interest will be paid upon the amount invested.

We have made a specialty of California Oil Investments. For years we have followed closely the development of these, the greatest oil fields in the world, employing the ablest experts and spending tens of thousands of dollars in our development work. The last company we represented was the first to strike oil in the Monterey field. It took two years of the hardest kind of work in the face of discouragement and scepticism, but our judgment was vindicated when high-grade oil was struck.

The United American Oil Company

has, in our opinion, a future equal to any of the great oil companies of the coast. A brief recapitulation of its holdings, a glance at a California oil map, a slight acquaintance with the conditions surrounding the oil industry, will show the reason for our absolute and unlimited faith in its future.

The Company Owns

26 PRODUCING WELLS, located on its 22 City Lots in Los Angeles, a complete pumping plant, drilling rigs, and tankage of 10,000 barrels capacity. Some of its wells are in the front rank of local producers. The oil inspector of Los Angeles says over his signature that the United American wells "are among the best kept-up oil properties in this field."

Consequently the Company is already an established success. Besides these 26 producing wells, however, the management, with great foresight, acquired the following splendid properties, all in the heart of newly-proven fields, where recent strikes have sent land values soaring.

IN THE NEWHALL FIELD 160 acres, situated between the famous Pica Canyon and the Elsmere properties, controlled by the Standard Oil Company—both large, high-grade producers.

IN THE SANTA MARIA FIELD a tract of 40 acres, of immeasurable value, in the best proven high-grade oil field in the State, adjoining the properties of the Western Union Oil Co., which last year produced over 1,000,000 barrels in this field.

IN THE MONTEREY FIELD 240 acres, adjoining the properties of the Combined Oil Land Company, whose recent strike of high-grade oil has made this the storm center of California.

The United American's holdings are all situated where it will reap its share of every increase in land values. Some of these properties were mere wildernesses a few years ago, but are now worth $1,000 an acre at a conservative estimate.

Your Opportunity

Thousands had the OPPORTUNITY to buy Peerless Oil Stock when it was offered a few months ago at 50 cents a share. Those who bought it now see it quoted at $14 per share on the California exchanges. Some of our clients bought as low as 50 cents a share and sold it for $14.00 per share.

We believe the United American Oil Company at its present stage presents an opportunity that will equal, if not excel, even the Peerless. Its present producing wells, which are among the best Los Angeles producers, GUARANTEE splendid earnings on the amount invested, while its large and splendid holdings will easily enable it to duplicate the greatest oil successes of the coast. This OPPORTUNITY is yours. Take advantage of it now.

The Company's purpose in offering a limited number of treasury shares is to enable the management to vigorously prosecute the drilling of new wells in its high-grade fields, where each well struck means a fortune.

We shall be pleased to send you letters of indorsement which authorize the statements made. Every statement made in the Company's literature is attested by sworn affidavit.

It is needless to say that this opportunity will be yours for a brief time only, as no more stock will be sold than is absolutely necessary.

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ACTIVE LIST.

Sales.	STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close Bid.
9600	A., T. & S. F.	85⅜	85⅝	85	85⅛
1800	Do preferred	102½	103⅛	102½	102¼
	Am. Cotton Oil	....	....	....	35
	Do preferred	....	....	....	95
3000	Am. Sugar Ref.	142	142	140⅝	140⅝
	Do preferred	....	....	....	136
1900	Am. Locomotive	33¼	33¼	33	33
200	Do preferred	102	102½	102	102¼
2600	Am. Car F'dry	33½	33½	33	33⅛
200	Do preferred	92⅞	92⅞	92⅞	92½
35100	Amal. Copper	69	69¼	67⅛	67⅝
2400	Anaconda Copper	104	106¾	104	106
1700	A. Smelt. & Ref.	80½	80⅞	80⅛	79¾
200	Do preferred	113⅛	113½	113¼	112⅞
2200	American Ice	8	8	7⅝	7¼
600	Do preferred	39⅝	39½	39⅝	38½
14400	Baltimore & Ohio	101	101	100	100¼
	Do preferred	....	....	....	95¼
10400	Brooklyn R. T.	60⅛	61⅛	59¾	59¾
	Canada Southern	....	....	....	67
2800	Canadian Pacific	131½	131½	130⅝	130⅝
7600	Cht. Gt. West	22⅞	23	22½	22½
1900	Consolidated Gas	202	202	201½	201½
5000	C. C. C. & St. L.	90½	90¾	90⅜	90½
2000	Chesa. & Ohio	48¼	48¼	48	48⅛
800	Chicago & Alton	42	43	42	42½
	Do preferred	....	....	....	76
1600	Chicago & N'w.	204	207	204	206½
9400	Col. Fuel & Iron	46½	46⅞	46	46
	Corn Product	21	21	21	20⅝
200	Do preferred	78½	78½	78½	78½
400	Col. Southern	22⅞	22⅞	22½	22½
	Do 1st pfd	....	....	....	57
	Do 2d pfd	....	....	....	35
600	Del. & Hudson	186	186	185½	185
19200	Erie	37⅛	37½	37	36⅝
	Do 1st pfd	74⅝	75	74½	74½
	Do 2d pfd	55½	56	55½	55½
11000	General Electric	185	186½	185	186
800	Hocking Valley	90	91¼	90	91
300	Do preferred	92¾	92⅞	92¾	92¼
5500	Illinois Central	154⅝	155¼	154½	154½
600	Iowa Central	29	29	29	28¾
	Do preferred	....	....	....	55¾
1800	Internat. Paper	24⅝	24⅝	24¼	24⅜
500	Do preferred	77¼	77¼	77¼	77½
	L. E. & W.	38	41	38	39½
	Do preferred	....	....	....	95
6900	Louis. & Nash.	141¼	141¼	140	140
400	Manhattan	163⅞	164	163¾	163¾
6700	Missouri Pacific	107⅞	108⅛	107⅝	107¾
1100	M., K. & T.	31	31½	31	31⅛
1100	Do preferred	63¼	63⅞	63¼	63⅜
1900	Metropolitan	121	121¼	120½	120¼
	Do securities	....	....	....	77½
700	Mexican Central	21½	21⅝	21½	21⅛
100	National Lead	23½	23½	23½	23½
	National Biscuit	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾
	N. Y. Air Brake	158	160	158	159
7400	N. Y. Central	139¾	141	139½	140½
	N. J. Central	189½	189¼	189¼	189
1400	N. Y., O. & W.	44	44¼	43½	43½
2900	Nor. & Western	78¼	78¾	78½	78
	Do preferred	....	....	....	92½
600	North American	101¼	101¼	101	100½
800	Peoples Gas	106¾	106¾	106¼	106⅝
300	Pacific Mail	44¾	44¾	44⅛	44
100	Pullman	233	233	233	232
1100	P. S. Car	39¼	39⅝	39¼	39
100	Do preferred	90¼	90¼	90¼	90
23400	Penna. R. R.	136½	137	136⅝	136⅝
	P., C., C. & St. L.	....	....	....	76
	Do preferred	....	....	....	105
	Ry. Springs	32	32	32	31
	Do preferred	91½	91¼	91	90
16800	Reading	79¼	79⅝	78¼	78¼
	Do 1st preferred	....	....	....	89
100	Do 2d preferred	82	82	82	82
15900	Rock Island	33⅛	33⅜	33	33
	Do preferred	....	....	....	83½
1400	Republic Iron	15⅝	16¼	15¾	16
900	Do preferred	68¼	68¼	68¼	68¼
12800	Southern Pacific	63¼	63⅜	62⅞	62⅞
5200	Southern Ry.	35¼	35¼	34⅝	34⅞
700	Do preferred	96¾	96⅝	96½	96¼
6800	St. Paul	170	170¼	169¾	169⅝
200	Do preferred	183	183	183	183
300	St. L. & S. W.	25¼	25½	25⅜	25
400	Do preferred	57½	58	57¼	57
1700	Tenn. C. & I.	72¼	72⅝	71¼	70⅝
1500	Texas & Pacific	34⅞	35¼	34⅞	....
200	T., St. L. & W.	36⅝	36⅞	36⅝	36½
200	Do preferred	54¼	54¼	54¼	53¾
71500	U. S. Steel	29¾	30¼	29¼	29¼
72800	Do preferred	91⅞	93	91⅝	91⅝
	Do 2d 5s bonds	92	92¼	92	92½
28500	Union Pacific	111	111⅛	109½	110
	Do preferred	....	....	....	95¼
800	U. S. Rubber	32¼	32½	32¼	32
300	Do preferred	93½	93½	93¼	93
123200	U. S. Leather	15½	16	13¾	14⅝
12200	Do preferred	102	102½	101	101½
	U. S. C. I. Pipe	18¾	19	18⅝	18½
	Do preferred	78⅞	80⅛	78¾	75½
	U. S. Realty & C.	....	....	....	80
1000	Wabash	22½	22¼	22¾	22½
600	Do preferred	44	44¼	43¾	43⅜
500	Western Union	94	94¼	94	93¾
300	Wis. Central	21⅜	21⅞	21⅜	21⅝
500	Do preferred	44⅞	45½	44⅞	45
2500	West'h'se 2d pref	181	185	181	183½
	Federal Mining	67¼	67¼	66¾	63
	Do preferred	78	78	78	76½
	Va.-Car. Chem.	41⅛	41⅞	41⅛	41½
	Do preferred	....	....	....	112
	Hide & Lea. pfd.	45	45	45	45

INACTIVE LIST.

Sales.	STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close Bid.
	Am. Steel F'dries	....	13¾	13¾	13½

STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close Bid.
Do preferred	....	52¼	52	52
Am. Grass & T.	....	11¼	11¼	11
Am. H. & L. pfd.	....	45	45	44¾
American Malt.	....	7⅝	7⅝	7¼
Do preferred	....	27½	26⅜	26½
Am. Snuff pfd.	....	99	99	98½
American Wool.	....	21¼	21¼	21
Chic. Term. Tr.	....	12½	12¼	12
Do preferred	....	21⅞	21⅜	21¼
Con. Tob. pfd.	....	128⅜	128	127½
D. & R. G. pfd.	....	88¼	88	87⅞
Det. Union Ry.	....	78	78	77⅝
Det. South. Ry.	....	7	7	6¾
D., S. S. & A.	....	13	12½	12¼
Do preferred	....	24⅛	22½	24½
Internat. Pump	....	40¾	40½	40
K. C. & South.	....	29⅞	29¾	29½
Do preferred	....	64¼	54	53½
M., S.P. & S.S.M.	....	89¼	89½	89
Minn. & St. L.	....	64	63¾	63½
M., K. & T.	....	31½	31¼	31⅜
N. Y. Airbrake	....	159½	158	159
Rubber Goods	....	27	27	26½
Sloss	....	60⅝	60⅞	60¼
Do preferred	....	103	103	102½
Va. Car.—Chem.	....	41⅞	41⅛	41½
W. Elec. 2d pfd.	....	185	181	184

NEW YORK CLOSING BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	104½	Man. con. gold 4s	104¾
Do coupon	104⅝	Mexican Cen. 4s	76
U. S. 3s, reg.	104½	Do 1st inc.	23½
Do coupon	104½	M. & St. L. 4s	96¾
U. S. new 4s, reg.	130¾	M. K. & T. 4s	100¼
Do coupon	131	Do 2rds	85⅝
U. S. old 4s, reg.	105⅝	Nat. Mexico c. 4s	81⅛
Do coupon	106⅝	N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	101¼
Atchison gen. 4s	102⅝	N. J. C. gen. 5s	136
Do adjt. 4s	94½	North Pacific 4s	105¼
Atl. Coast L. 4s	99⅞	Do 3s	75½
Balt. & Ohio 4s	103⅛	N. & W. con. 4s	100[illegible]
Do 3½s	96½	Ore. S. L. 4s & P.	103[illegible]
Cen. Georgia 5s	111	Penna. conv. 3½s	10[illegible]
Do 1st inc.	91¼	Reading gen. 4s	10[illegible]
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	107½	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	11[illegible]
C. & Alton 3½s	82	St. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	[illegible]
C. B. & Q. n. 4s	100¼	St. L. S'w 1sts	97⅞
C. M. & St. P. g. 4s	110¾	Seab'd Air L. 4s	85
C. & N'w con. 7s	129	South. Pacific 4s	93¾
C. R. I. & P. 4s	81	Southern Ry. 5s	119¼
Do col. 5s	93¾	Tex. & Pac. 1sts	119¼
C. C. C. & St. L. g. 4s	101⅛	T. St. L. & W. 4s	83
Chicago Term. 4s	84	Union Pacific 4s	106⅝
Conn. Tobacco 4s	77½	Do conv. 4s	110⅝
Col. & South. 4s	90	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	92¼
D. & R. G. 4s	102¼	Wabash 1sts	117¾
Erie prior lien 4s	101½	Do Deb. B.	68
Do gen. 4s	91⅝	W. & L. E. 4s	93½
*Ft. W. & D. C. 1st	107¾	Wisconsin Cen. 4s	92½
Hock. Val. 4½s	111	Col. Fuel con. 5s	86
L. & N. unif. 4s	103½		

*Offered.
Total sales, par value, $2,030,000.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

Atchison	84⅞	American Sugar	140¾
Do preferred	101⅞	Do preferred	138
Boston & Albany	272	Am. Tel. & Tel.	145½
†Boston & Maine	175	American Woolen	21
Fitchburg pfd.	139	Do preferred	92⅝
Mexican Central	21[illegible]	Dom. Iron & St.	18¼
N. Y. N. H. & H.	197	Mass. Gas	37⅞
*Pere Marquette	75	United Fruit	105¼
Union Pacific	109⅞	United Shoe Mach.	58½
Am. Arge. Chem.	21½	Do preferred	31
Do preferred	8[illegible]	U. S. Steel	29¼
Am. Pneu. Tube	5½	Do preferred	92¼

*Bid. †Asked.

Philadelphia Closing Bids.

Amer. Railways	4[illegible]	Penna. Steel	45
Cambria Steel	15⅛	Do preferred	98½
Cambria Iron	47	Phila. Co.	41½
Cons. Trac. N. J.	79	Do preferred	46½
Cons. Lake Sup'r.	8¼	Phila. Traction	98⅛
Do preferred	16½	Phila. Elec. Co.	10¼
Elec. Stor. com.	18	Tidewater Steel	1½
Elec. Co. Amer.	10⅛	Do preferred	3
Lehigh Valley	54⅝	Union Traction	58¾
Marsden	3⅝	United Gas Impt.	108
Penna. R. R.	68⅝		

New York Mining Stocks.

Adams Con.	.20	Little Chief	.05
Alice	.60	Ontario	3.50
Breece	.16	Ophir	3.20
Brunswick Con.	.12	Phoenix	.08
Comstock Tunnel	.08	Potosi	.14
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.60	Savage	.22
Horn Silver	1.55	Sierra Nevada	.42
Iron Silver	1.90	Small Hopes	.26
Leadville Con.	.02	Standard	1.60

New York Curb Stocks.

(Reported by Henry Sproul & Co.)

Amer. Tin Can	12	Inter. Salt 5s	62
Do preferred	62¾	North. Securities	128
Bay State Gas	7-16	Otis Elevator	45
Electric Vehicle	13	Do preferred	99
Do preferred	22	Seab'd Air Line	17
Greene Con. Cop.	27	Do preferred	36¾
Interborough	163	Standard Oil	633
Int. Mer. Mar.	12⅞	Tennessee Copper	34½
Do preferred	28½	Tonopah	9
International Salt	20		

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—It is officially announced that a meeting of the steel plate pool may not be called. Certain representatives of the steel plate pool are not in favor of a general conference at this time. All manufacturers seem to be in favor of reaffirming the present schedule.

NEWS FROM THE MINES.

The Guggenheim Exploration Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent, payable January 10 to stockholders of record December 27.

Directors of the Utah Consolidated has declared a dividend of $1 50 per share, payable January 16.

Advices from Chihuahua, Mex., state that the ore shipments from the Santa Eulalia mining camp is expected to reach at least 40,000 tons this month and it may run up to 50,000. Last month the shipments reached about 35,000 tons.

Ninety tons, or over three carloads a day is the average production from the Elkton at Cripple Creek. The average value is $30 in gold to the ton.

J. C. McKee of Grand Rapids, Mich., visited the New Vulture mine in the Wickenburg district, Ariz., last week.

At the Lincoln gold mine, Yavapai county, Arizona, controlled by Charles J. George & Co. of Los Angeles, a body of ore was passed through in the last 40 feet of the tunnel.

The Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting and Power Company's directors have lately sold 15,400 shares treasury stock at $5 25 per share, the proceeds to be used to increase the capacity of the mines and smelter. This increased the outstanding shares to 1,350,000.

The Tonopah Miner says: "Supt. Kunze reports a very important strike this week in the winze on the 300 level of the Ray Consolidated. At a depth of 1[illegible] feet in the winze a streak of silver carbonates from 12 to 15 inches wide and assaying 2,000 ounces per ton was opened up. The ore is of the same character as the rich streaks which were encountered in the upper levels, but in no case heretofore have the streaks exceeded 2 or 3 inches in width. The entire bottom of the winze shows values exceeding $100 a ton and the new strike is considered most important."

Arthur and M. B. Kunze bonded seven claims adjoining the Ray Consolidated and the Mogul at Ray to J. N. Priest for $11,000. Mr. Priest represents eastern capitalists in the transaction. It is probably that a company will be organized to operate the property.

Following is the balance sheet of the American Nickel Company as of December 12, 1904:

Assets—	
Real estate, mines, buildings, machinery, electric plant, town site, franchise, etc.	$5,112,990
Treasury stock	387,010
Total	$5,500,000
Liabilities—	
Capital stock	$5,000,000
Contribution account	500,000
Total	$5,500,000

The Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Local metal markets were dull today, without reflecting any change in general tone or price from last report. Iron shows a firm undertone; quotations unchanged. Copper dull and nominal, with official quotations as follows: Lake, $14 87½@15 12½; electrolytic, $14 75@15 00; casting, $14 50@14 75. Tin—Spot, $29 25@29 60. Lead, $4 60@4 70. Spelter, $5 75@5 87½.

Boston Copper Stocks.

(Reported by A. E. Masten & Co.)

STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close Bid.
Allouez	18	18	18	18
Adventure	†6	....	....	5¾
Arcadian	2	2	1⅞	1¾
Atlantic	16¾	16¾	16¾	16½
Bingham	34½	35	34¼	34⅝
Calumet & Arizona	†103	....	....	101
Calumet & Hecla	645	645	645	†645
Centennial	26	26	26	25½
Calumet & Pgh.	†41	....	....	40
Franklin	11	11	11	11
Junction Dev. Co.	†80	....	....	77
Greene	27¼	27⅝	27	27
Isle Royale	26¼	26⅜	26½	†25½
L. Superior & Pgh.	†44½	....	....	43½
Granby	5 1-16	5¼	5 1-16	5 1-16
Mass.	†9	....	....	8¾
Mohawk	51	51	50½	50½
Michigan	9¼	9¼	9⅛	9
Osceola	93½	93½	93	92½
Old Dominion	26	26	25¾	25¾
Phoenix	†3	....	....	2¾
Pittsburgh & Dul.	†25	....	....	24
Quincy	†110	....	....	105
Range Consolidated	68	68	66½	66½
Trinity	11⅛	11⅛	10⅞	10⅞
Tamarack	119	119	118	118
United Fruit	105	105	105	105½
Utah	43	43¼	42¼	42½
U. S. Mining	25	25	24⅝	24½
Victoria	4½	4⅝	4½	4¼
Wolverine	....	....	....	105
Winona	12½	12½	12¼	12¼
Tonopah Montana	†1.70	....	....	1.65
Tonopah Belmont	†.73	....	....	.71

†Ask.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The market today was very strong at the opening, but became rather soft toward the close. The New York bank statement was considered good but the traders evidently sold stocks on the strength of it. Mr. Lawson is still issuing bearish circulars and is keeping everyone nervous and we repeat our advice of yesterday to sell stocks in rallies and buy them on the breaks for a week or 10 days. The Boston market was practically without a feature today. Copper Range and Royals were strong at the opening but ran off very easily under a little selling. Allouez was well taken at 18 and closed at 18 bid. There seems to be a very fair demand for Osceola and we hear considerable bullish talk with regard to an increased dividend within a week or 10 days. Winona was again in good demand and the supply of stock around present prices seems very small.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The ease in the local money market continued undisturbed throughout the week. Rates were quoted at 5@6 per cent on call and time loans, and even the lower figure was shaded in some instances on first-class call loans secured by readily marketable collateral. Bank clearings continued to increase, as will be seen in the following comparisons:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Yesterday	$8,053,088 31	$1,402,896 69
For the week	45,727,441 19	8,478,020 09
Previous week	47,626,169 63	9,225,817 09

Compared with the corresponding week in previous years the exchanges were as follows:

Week ending—	
December 17, 1904	$45,727,441 19
December 19, 1903	36,070,450 77
December 20, 1902	44,310,040 29
December 21, 1901	36,076,404 58
December 22, 1900	39,053,307 94
Total to date—	
1904	$1,979,481,651 99
1903	2,294,101,413 49
1902	2,093,576,628 08
1901	1,995,366,797 64
1900	1,580,176,147 66

Foreign Money Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—There was no great demand for money in the market today. Rates would have been easier, but the outflow to the provinces maintained quotations. Discounts were firm. Trading on the stock exchange was fairly cheerful, but inactive, owing to the nearness of Christmas. Consols hardened and home rails were generally quiet. Americans opened firm and were maintained well above parity. Dealings were restricted. Grand Trunk was dull on the traffic returns being rather disappointing. Imperial Japanese government 6s of 1904 were quoted at 95⅛. Consols for money, 88¼; consols for account, 88⅜; bar silver steady at 2 8-16d per ounce; money, 2@2¼ per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 13-16@2⅞ per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for three-month bills is 2⅞@2 15-16 per cent.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The tone on the bourse today was very heavy and prices had a downward tendency, rentes going off. Rio Tintos, however, gained 14 francs. Russian imperial 4s were quoted at 92 and Russian bonds of 1904 at 502. Three per cent rentes, 97 francs 32½ centimes for the account. Exchange on London, 25 francs 15¼ centimes for checks.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Prices on the boerse today were firm; business was quiet. Exchange on London, 20 marks 36¼ pfennigs for checks. Discount rates—Short bills, 3 per cent; three-month bills, 4⅛ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87.50 for demand, and at $4 84.80@4 84.85 for 60 day bills. Posted rates, $4 85½ and $4 88. Commercial bills, $4 84@4 84½. Bar silver, 60⅞c. Mexican dollars, 48¼c. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds firm. Money on call, nominal; no loans. Time loans easy, 60 days, 90 days and six months, 3¼@3¾ per cent.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $145,676,981; gold, $85,486,368; silver, $10,811,392; United States notes, $4,057,685; treasury notes of 1890, $60,212; national bank notes, $13,468,036; total receipts this day, $2,004,004; total receipts this month, $27,429,316; total receipts this year, $260,031,263; total expenditures this day, $1,740,000; total expenditures this month, $25,320,000; total expenditures this year, $283,851,747; deposits in nation banks, $121,187,791.

German Bank Statement.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes: Cash in hand, increased 23,980,000 marks; treasury notes, increased 120,000 marks; other securities, increased 1,980,000 marks; notes in circulation, increased 300,000 marks.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Butter weak; receipts, 2,042 pkgs; street price, extra creamery, 26@26½c; official prices, creamery, common to extra, 17@26c; held common to extra, 19@24c; state dairy, common to extra, 15@24c. Cheese quiet and unchanged; receipts, 21,246 pkgs; weekly exports, 5,103 boxes. Eggs weak; receipts, 3,190 pkgs; state, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy selected, white, 36@38c; Pennsylvania choice, 34@35c; mixed fancy, 34@35c; western fancy selected, 31@32c; do average best, 29@30c; southern, 22@29c; refrigerator, 18@22c.

SENTIMENT IMPROVED IN THE STOCK MARKET

Late Break, However, Was Caused by Rumored Illness of Harriman.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Herald this (Sunday) morning says:

The improvement in sentiment noted in speculative quarters on Friday continued yesterday, imparting a strong undertone to the stock market. Prices, however, were very irregular, after numerous easy advances, many of which were retained to the close prices, yielded sharply. The late break was influenced according to the general impression, to the rumored serious illness of E. H. Harriman. This report was entirely without foundation according to business associates of Mr. Harriman. The dealings of the day continued largely of a professional character, and with a few noteworthy exceptions appeared to be made up of aggressive pool and clique operations directed against the outstanding short interest. Public participation in the market was of a carefully discriminating nature, and was very small in comparison to the volume of business.

The news of the day bore more upon specific properties than upon the general speculative or financial position. Speculative holders of United States Leather issues, particularly the common stock, expressed their views of the capital readjustment plan by heavy liquidation of securities, which declined more than two points. The bank statement was accounted "better than was expected." The improvement in prices could not be traced to any specific news, however, but rather to the relief afforded by the silence of the Boston operator and the generally improving character of industrial affairs.

London prices came generally higher, but foreign operations were not important. The local market opened generally higher, with a notable exception in United States Leather issues. The dealings were quite active, and aggressive pool buying developed the United States Steel issues. These advanced sharply, and had the usual tonic effect on the general list.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Important support was still evident in the market for coffee futures. The early news was not particularly encouraging either way, but the market, after opening 5 points lower on July and unchanged to 5 points higher on other months, ruled generally active and firm. Perhaps buying was encouraged to some extent by rather smaller primary receipts and the advance of 75 reis at Rio, but otherwise cable news was without special feature, reporting a decline of ¼ preferring at Hamburg and a partial gain of ¼ franc at Havre. New Orleans appeared to be selling some in the local market, and importers also sold at the opening, but there was a big demand through street and commission houses as well as for the account of metal people, according to reports around the floor, and the close was firm at a net gain of 5@10 points. Sales were reported of 138,000 bags, including January at 7.35@7.40c, March at 7.65@7.70c, May at 7.85@8.00c, July at 8.08@8.18c, September at 8.25@8.35c, October at 8.35c and October at 8.45c. Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice, 8⅝c; mild firm; Cordova, 10@15c. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 4⅜c; centrifugal, 96 degrees test, 4⅞c; molasses sugar, 4⅛c; refined firm; No. 6, 5.05c; No. 7, 5.00c; No. 8, 4.90c; No. 9, 4.85c; No. 10, 4.80c; No. 11, 4.70c; No. 12, 4.65c; No. 13, 4.55c; No. 14, 4.50c; confectioners' A, 5.50c; mold A, 6.00c; cutloaf, 6.35c; crushed, 6.35c; powdered, 5.75c; granulated, 5.65c; cubes, 5.70c.

The Bond Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—District of Columbia 3s, '65s, 120@121; Philippine 4s, 109@111. Price ranges were as follows:

	High.	Low.	Last Sale.
Japanese 6s	93¼	92⅞	93
American Tobacco 6s	110½	109⅝	110½
Do 4s	72⅛	71⅞	71⅞
C., B. & Q. joint 4s	100¼	100	100⅛
C., R. I. & P. col. 4s	81	80⅝	81
Do col. 5s	93¾	93½	93¾
C. C. C. & St. L. gen. 4s	101⅛	101	101⅛
Colorado Midland 4s	76½	76	76½
Lackawanna Steel 5s	105½	105½	105½
Reading general 4s	102½	102½	102⅜
Union Pacific con. 4s	111¼	110½	110⅝
United States Steel s. f. 5s	92½	91⅝	92¼
Wabash Deb. Bs	68¼	68	68
Western Maryland 4s	90½	90	90

The Wool Market.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The arrivals of wool for the next series of auction sales amount to 59,425 bales, including 21,000 forwarded direct to spinners. The imports of wool this week were: New South Wales, 3,246 bales; Queensland, 1,300 bales; Victoria, 3,268 bales; South Australia, 2,772 bales; West Australia, 95 bales; New Zealand, 1,765 bales; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 2,963 bales, Buareh, 2,907 bales; Marseilles, 1,697 bales; Singapore, 430 bales; various, 590 bales.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH UNION STOCK YARDS,
Saturday, Dec. 17, 1904.

Cattle—Supply light and market steady. Choice, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., $5 25@5 50; prime, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., $4 85@5 10; good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs., $4 40@4 80; tidy, 1,000 to 1,500 lbs., $4 00@4 35; common, 700 to 900 lbs., $2 00@3 00; choice heifers, $3 40@3 75; common to good, $2 00@3 25; good fat cows and springers, $40@50; common to fair, $20@30.

Sheep and lambs—Supply fair; market weak on sheep and lower on lambs. Prime wethers, 95 to 100 lbs., $5 00@5 25; good mixed, 85 to 90 lbs., $4 60@4 90; fair mixed, 75 to 80 lbs., $4 10@4 50; common $2 00@3 00; lambs, $4 50@7 20; veal calves, $7 00@7 50; heavy and thin, $4 00@5 00.

Hogs—Receipts, 40 double decks; market active. Prime heavy, $4 75@4 80; medium, $4 65@4 70; heavy Yorkers and light Yorkers, $4 65@4 70; pigs, $4 40@4 60; roughs, $4 00@4 35; stags, $3 00@3 50.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Beeves—Receipts, 107 head; no trading today; dressed beeves steady at 7@7½c; extra beef, 9¾@10c. Exports today, 680 head cattle, 40 head sheep and 7,555 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 68 head; no sales reported; market steady; city dressed veals steady at 10@13½c a lb. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2,940 head; sheep and lambs lower; sheep sold at $4 00; good to prime lambs, $6 87½@7 50; dressed mutton steady at 7@7½c; dressed lambs weak at 9½@11c. Hogs—Receipts, 4,310 head; feeling nominally steady.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 400 head; market steady; good to prime steers, $6 00@7 00; poor to medium, $3 75@5 75; stockers and feeders, $2 10@4 15; cows, $1 00@4 10; heifers, $1 75@5 00; canners, $1 00@2 30; bulls, $2 00@4 00; calves, $3 50@7 00. Hogs—Receipts, 19,000 head; market steady; mixed and butchers, $4 35@4 65; good to choice heavy, $4 57½@4 67½; roughs, heavy, $4 35@4 45; light, $4 30@4 55; bulk of sales, $4 50@4 60. Sheep—Receipts, 3,000 head; market steady; good to choice wethers, $4 40@5 25; fair to choice mixed, $3 50@4 60; native lambs, $5 00@7 15.

CINCINNATI, O., December 17.—Hogs active and steady; butchers, $4 00@4 65; common, $3 60@4 45. Cattle steady and slow; fair to good shippers, $4 00@4 75; common, $2 00@2 25. Sheep slow and weak at $2 50@4 50. Lambs quiet to lower at $4 50@6 75.

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ATCHISON IN NINE YEARS

Year. June 30	Gross Earnings.	Ex. to Engs.	Net Earnings.	Net Income.	Int. on Bonds.	Other Deduct.	Bal. for Divs.	Divs. on Pref.		Bal. for Com.	Divs. on Com.		Adj. and Improve.	Surplus.
1904	68,171,200	64.75	24,033,031	22,767,174	2,291,150	334,304	141,720		....	141,720		....	......	141,720
1897	30,621,230	79.13	6,390,509	6,645,008	4,608,858	583,704	1,452,446		....	1,452,446		....	*9,061	1,461,507
1898	39,214,039	76.32	9,287,641	9,469,688	6,532,528	587,096	2,350,045		....	2,350,045		....	10,626	2,339,419
1899	40,513,499	71.75	11,446,167	11,695,602	9,295,812	265,633	2,134,157	1%	1,141,657	992,500		....	520,654	471,846
1900	46,232,078	62.87	17,166,977	17,433,798	7,345,166	349,327	9,739,305	2¾%	3,139,667	6,599,748		....	1,019,621	5,580,127
1901	54,474,823	62.31	20,530,542	20,863,099	7,830,811	557,759	12,474,529	5%	5,708,690	6,765,839	1½%	1,529,833	2,148,886	3,088,120
1902	59,135,086	60.29	23,482,164	24,623,023	8,438,985	619,510	15,564,528	5%	5,708,690	9,855,838	4%	4,078,220	2,832,942	2,944,676
1903	62,350,397	64.47	22,155,166	23,473,160	9,134,485	440,346	13,898,329	5%	5,708,690	8,189,639	4%	4,078,220	3,285,175	826,244
1904	68,171,200	64.75	24,033,031	25,281,806	9,418,770	503,265	15,359,771	5%	5,708,690	9,651,081	4%	4,078,220	3,239,518	2,333,343

Turkey would have been divided long ago had the powers of Europe been able to agree upon a division of the spoils. So with ATCHISON. Ere this the great railroad powers would have consumed Atchison, but, each fearing the other, kept his holdings in a strong box and increased his interest, as did every competitor. The great railroad magnates see the value of the road. They know that, as Pennsylvania was the keystone of the colonial states, so ATCHISON IS THE KEYSTONE OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD SITUATION. That the millionaire railroad kings know the worth of the road and the stock is well shown by their holdings. There are 2,160,000 shares of preferred and common stock, and an authority says that 1,550,000 shares of ATCHISON are indirectly controlled as follows:

Pennsylvania Railroad	400,000
Rock Island Railroad	350,000
St. Paul Railroad	250,000
Union Pacific Railroad	300,000
Missouri Pacific Railroad	250,000

These figures show what the Rockefellers, the Goulds, Harriman, Morgan, Moore and other financial kings think of the road and its stock. If ATCHISON is good for the king, it is not good for the subject.

The dividend on Baltimore & Ohio is going to be increased from four to five per cent a year. The common stock is earning about eight per cent. ATCHISON is earning nearly 10 per cent. It should be paying more than four per cent.

EVERY ARGUMENT IS IN FAVOR OF AN ADVANCE IN ATCHISON. It is not at a high enough level for its worth. It has not had its proportionate advance. Again figures tell the tale:

	DIVIDEND	HIGH IN MAY	CLOSE SAT	GAIN
ATCHISON	4 p. c.	72	85	13
Chespeake & Ohio	2 p. c.	30	48	18

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TEACHERS TALK OF PENSION FUND

System Has Long Been in Force in Many Countries in Europe.

PRINCIPALS BEING CRITICISED

"The partial disappointment of the local teachers in the new salary schedule adopted by the central board of education is likely to result in an agitation for the pensioning of teachers since the salaries are declared to be too low to make adequate provision for old age."

This was the comment made by a supporter of the campaign inaugurated by the Pittsburgh Teachers' association, which statement was supplemented as follows:

"While the members of the association hear their partial defeat philosophically, they accept their partial victory with the reflection that half a loaf is vastly better than no bread, according to one of the recently resurrected old proverbs now so fashionable. But after all the board acted wisely, perhaps, in making a moderate advance which, if it results in increased efficiency among the teachers, can readily be advanced still more to meet the demands of the instructors.

"While the minimum looks small, it should be remembered that it applies to only a few, a large number receiving the maximum at once of $80 or $90 a month, according to which class they elect to be in. This is $4 or $4.50 a day for a very short working day. How an inefficient teacher can be worth $4 a day is past finding out, although an efficient one may readily earn $4.25. The board of education, it will thus be seen, rates the difference between efficiency and inefficiency at 25 cents a day.

"The sorriest thing in the whole scheme as adopted by the board is recognizing officially, according to its own definition, an inefficient class. The law contemplates the employment of efficient teachers only and it is doubtful if the board has any authority to employ any other kind. Pittsburgh is liable to have ridicule turned in its direction by this classification. Inefficient teachers are by no means unknown in other cities, but they are presumably efficient and no line is drawn between capable and incapable instructors."

Blamed on the Principals.

Another supporter of the teachers' movement blamed their half defeat, half victory upon the principals who, he says, "butted in" with a demand for another increase, although their last increase, a liberal one, went into effect only last September. Some members of the board, it is said, feared, if the teachers' schedule were adopted in full, there would have to be many other demands considered. John H. McIlroy, who has been a member of the board for 14 years, said: "The principals are the best paid people on earth for what they do!"

Concerning the suggestion that the teachers may inaugurate a demand for pensions on account of not getting the full amount of salary asked, it should be remembered that the scheme is not new. Some eight or 10 years ago there was a movement throughout the state for teachers' pensions, which was taken up locally and a bill prepared by Principal J. K. Bane of the St. Clair schools and others. The late Senator Quay was consulted and it is said he promptly advised against it owing to the strong opposition it was sure to encounter in the legislature. But this was a state, not a municipal scheme.

The annual reports of the commissioner of education in charge of the bureau at Washington have contained from time to time in recent years much matter of interest in this connection. One presents an exhaustive article on the subject, which was discussed in nearly all the large cities of the United States and many associations of teachers were formed to push the scheme. Of these the report quotes the laws and constitutions, gives information concerning their relations to the state, whether they were incorporated or whether the establishment of a pension fund was authorized by the legislature, what rate of premium was required from the members, the amount of annuity paid to disabled teachers and other particulars. The opinion was unanimous, almost, that 1 per cent of a member's salary was ample for an annual premium. But insurance experts promptly said the premium was too low. How prudent this warning was is seen in subsequent events. Within three years for nearly all pension funds accumulated during the time of enthusiastic advocacy of the scheme, formed from 1 per cent of the members' salaries and from sums realized from bazars, concerts and occasional bequests, the premium had to be raised. The funds of some associations were nearly wrecked by drafts upon them by pensioners, the number of whom exceeded previous calculations.

How It Worked in Chicago.

To show how the 1 per cent premium plan worked a few cases of the Chicago pension fund are cited where teachers who paid into the fund sums ranging from $32 to $43 drew therefrom amounts running from $1,133 to $1,548. The national commissioner of education says the disproportion between premium and benefit was so glaring that the pension scheme soon required reorganizing in many cities.

While pensions for teachers are the rule in European countries, where teachers have practically a life tenure upon their positions, the system has found no foothold in the United States except in the shape of mutual benefit associations. It is said by those who have studied the subject that it is idle for teachers in this country to expect pensions from public funds, although there is precedent for such a course in the pensioning of judges and other public servants. As the mutual plan seems to be the only available one, the following from Superintendent J. W. Canon of New Castle may be interesting to local teachers:

In a few states the legislatures have enacted laws constituting certain school officers custodians of a fund for the benefit of the teachers of a certain city, or the teachers of cities having not less than a certain population. In most of these cases the custodians are authorized to deduct 1 per cent per annum from the salaries of the teachers for this fund. Certain forfeitures of salaries for absence of teachers from duty are also covered into this fund. And this, like all other funds, is open for donations, and for the profits from entertainments. Then, after a certain number of years of service, ranging from 25 to 40, the teacher can retire voluntarily, or can be retired by the school officials on part of salary, usually one-half, with a proviso that no annuity shall exceed say $600.

Benefit for Bereaved Family.

In certain cases the family is to receive aid upon the death of the father. Provision is also made that in case of voluntary retirement from the service, the right in the pension fund is forfeited, but in case of discharge the amount contributed, with interest, is to be returned to the contributor. Those who have investigated the matter have expressed some fears that the annual dues of these associations are too low to meet their obligations, and that financial difficulties may be among their future experiences.

In the United States no teachers are pensioned from public funds. There are practically two plans in operation. By one the teachers pension themselves with their own money upon their own will. By the other they pension themselves with their own money upon the compulsion of the law. The laws establishing this plan will probably not be upheld by the courts if they are ever seriously resisted. Present conditions in regard to this matter are far from satisfactory, but they indicate that the teachers of the large cities, and the law-makers of a few states, think something should be done. We are far behind European countries in this matter, for with them it has been a fixed policy for 100 years. All of the 26 states of the German empire pay pensions to the teachers of their elementary schools.

FINDS LONG LOST SISTERS.

Gold Miner, Once Pauper, Now Anxious to Care for Them.

WEST CHESTER, Dec. 17.—Fred Zandt of Breckenridge, Col., once a pauper, but now a prosperous gold miner, who came here a few weeks ago to locate his three sisters, whom he had not seen for six years, has found two of them, one having died a year ago.

The two sisters are holding good positions in Philadelphia, but will soon join their father and brother in Colorado.

Relief Department of P. R. R. Elects Advisory Committee

General Manager W. Atterbury of the Pennsylvania railroad, who is chairman of the advisory committee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Voluntary Relief department, has announced the result of the vote taken for members of the advisory committee. Those elected are as follows:

George T. Thomas (three-year term) Pennsylvania railroad division; William G. Filbey (two-year term), United Railroads of New Jersey division; William J. Buck (one-year term), Philadelphia & Erie railroad division; George H. Woodard, (one-year term), Buffalo & Allegheny Valley division; Edward E. Worley (one-year term), Northern Central railway; Daniel F. Troy (two-year term), Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington railroad; Frank Eldridge (two-year term), West Jersey & Seashore railroad.

The aggregate of the vote polled was 57,111, the highest number, 28,331, being polled on the Pennsylvania railroad, and the lowest, 1,311, on the West Jersey.

Of the different contests on the different divisions the most interesting and exciting were on electoral division No. 2, between William G. Filbey, John Darrah and Robert D. Titus, all New York division men, the vote being 2,281, 2,032 and 1,977, respectively. Another close and exciting contest was on electoral division No. 6, between Daniel F. Troy and Caleb E. Foster, both of the Maryland division, the former receiving 1,638 votes, and the latter 1,596. The largest individual vote was that received by George H. Thomas, of the Schuylkill division. His vote was 13,294, or 5,732 more than that of his nearest competitor.

Statistics of Ohio Railroads.

The annual report of the railroad commissioner shows Ohio railroads to have a total mileage of 8,933 miles; capital stock apportioned to Ohio, common, $216,550,003; preferred, $98,559,263; dividends, $8,888,336 06; bonded indebtedness, $523,986,672 56; interest on same, $12,514,637 60; cost of roads, $586,922,818 57; increase during year, $37,305,279 05; cost of equipment, $47,142,824 53; passenger earnings, $27,520,235 68; freight earnings, $85,847,080 23; other earnings, $2,274,810 79; a total increase for the year of 10.67 per cent; operating expenses, $85,859,938 80, an increase of 8.73 per cent; income, after deducting operating expenses, was $30,358,160 49; a decrease of 11.12 per cent; taxes paid, $3,630,765 23; excise taxes on gross earnings, $1,159,231 67; expended for permanent improvements, $1,042,188 29; total number employes, 76,624, a decrease of 7.41 per cent; persons injured, 9,682, an increase of 6.42 per cent; passengers killed, 7; injured, 485; highway travelers killed, 88; injured, 196; employes killed, 238; injured, 7,906; trespassers killed, 364; injured, 448; passengers carried, 33,435,272; average receipts the passenger a mile, 1.9 cents; freight transported, 141,845,449, decrease, 4.78 per cent; locomotives in service, 6,611; passenger cars, 4,410; freight cars, 306,165; fuel consumed, 7,060,543 tons; average cost a ton, $1 57.

Eastern Markets Need Coal.

Failure on the part of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to transport promptly and freely the bituminous coal originating upon its lines has created something of a panicky feeling in the eastern soft coal markets. The condition has been brought about largely through the failure of manufacturers and other large consumers to carry generous stocks of coal. Transportation officials of the Pennsylvania railroad make no attempt longer to conceal the serious conditions which confront them at present. Lack of sufficient motive power to haul the cars has been the principal cause in preventing free shipments. This in itself creates a scarcity of cars, as many loaded ones are scattered along the line. Scarcity of water, especially on the middle division, has greatly aggravated the situation, while the cold weather and snows of the past week have further added to the embarrassment of the company and the shippers.

Confered With Staff Officers.

Division Engineer H. H. Temple of the Baltimore & Ohio, held a meeting with his staff yesterday in his office in the Water street building. These meetings are held monthly. Besides Mr. Temple there were present Supervisors William Padden, D. Cronin, T. F. Donahoe, O. D. Richardson and J. McCune, and Master Carpenter W. C. McCullough. Mr. Temple's division is the largest on the system, there being 96 sections.

Railroad Notes.

The travel yesterday was very heavy, especially from suburban points.

The work on constructing the Wabash freight depot has been impeded on account of the severe weather.

Interest Was Centered Largely in Three Wells Near Mannington

Interest in the lower southwest fields during the past few days has been confined almost exclusively to the 30-foot development, on Bartholomew run, four miles west of Mannington, W. Va. Three new wells have been added to the list. The first to get the sand and the best producer, was Trees & Benedum's No. 2 on the J. L. Holden farm, located a little to the north of developments. When drilled into the pay it started at the rate of 18 barrels an hour but was subsequently drilled a little deeper into the pay and increased its production to 60 barrels an hour.

On the west side of the development the Delmar Oil Company drilled in its Nos. 2 and 5 on the J. L. and Jack Hays farm. The number 2 is rated at 100 barrels a day and No. 5 is very light. From the showing made when drilled through the sand this is the lightest well that has been completed since developments began. That this well should be a small producer is something of a surprise for the reason that the location was regarded as favorable for a gusher.

The gauges of the wells in this district yesterday morning for the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock, were as follows: Benedum & Trees' Nos. 1 and 2, J. L. Holden, 200 barrels each; South Penn Oil Company's Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 100 barrels; J. E. Carnahan's Nos. 2 and 3, 130 barrels and the Delmar Oil Company's Nos. 1, 2 and 5, 175, 110 and 20 barrels respectively. No. 3 on this farm will be due to get the sand next Wednesday, and No. 4 two days later. By Tuesday the South Penn Oil Company expects to get the sand at its test on the Baker heirs' farm. The last is an important test located north of the No. 2 on the C. S. Pitzer farm. There is considerable interest attached to the wells due this week for the reason that they are expected to show an extension to the producing area of the development.

It was at first thought that the producing formation extended northeast and southwest, but in the light of present tests it seems to run east and west and development work promises to be most active along that line.

In the Salem district, Harrison county, the South Penn Oil Company has drilled its No. 3 on the Rachel Carpenter farm eight feet into the Gordon and the hole has filled up 1,000 feet with fluid. They have shut down to move back the boiler and will then drill deeper into the sand.

In the Pine Grove extension, in Wetzel county, the South Penn company has drilled its No. 4 on the B. B. Postalwait farm 12 feet into the stray and has not increased the showing of oil. It is still drilling and may find a second pay. In the same district the same company is drilling in the stray and at its No. 4 on the Ellis Dulaney farm. The Criswell Oil Company's No. 2 on the F. M. and S. W. Jackson farm is holding up at 135 barrels a day.

In the Smithfield district the South Penn company has drilled its test on the Hartman-Gallagher farm 50 feet into the Big Injun and has developed no oil or gas. In the same district the same company's No. 2 on the Alfred Batson farm is holding up at 165 barrels a day.

On Middle Island creek, Centerville district, Tyler county, a local company is due in the sand at a test on the John Mercer farm. On Indian creek, McElroy district, in the same county, Schall & Co. have abandoned their second location on the Conway heirs' farm. On Elk Fork, in Ellsworth district, the Tri-State Gas Company is due in the sand at its test on the A. J. Haugh farm.

On West Fork river, Clay district, Harrison county, the Fairmont and Grafton Gas Company parted the casing at its test on the Lucas Bros. farm and abandoned the hole at a depth of 1,900 feet. The same company is drilling at 1,400 feet at its test on the S. J. Chaltant farm. In the same district the Hope Natural Gas Company has the rig completed for a test on the Rebecca Heldreth farm.

On the Ohio side in the Lewisville district, Monroe county, Mesner & Co. have drilled their test on the Isaac Lowe farm through the Big Injun and found no oil or gas. In the Rays Run district, Washington county, Athey & Co.'s No. 2 on the John Beaver farm is producing 30 barrels a day from the Maxon sand.

In the Marietta district the Clark Oil Company has completed its No. 8 on the C. L. Pedew farm and has a duster. In the same district the United States Mining Manufacturing Company has completed its second test on the Baltimore & Ohio right of way and has a very light pumper. In the same district A. A. Cameron has completed a second test on the Charles Laflin farm and has a duster. Samuel Neill's No. 3 on the Charles Rowland farm is producing 25 barrels a day.

South of Wellsville, Columbiana county, the Kenyon Oil Company has completed a test on the Thomas Carmichael farm and has a show for a 20-barrel producer. Waddle and the Fisher Oil Company have completed, in the same district, a test on the James Hukill farm and have a duster. North of the Keener sand district, near Woodsfield, Monroe county, there is still a belief prevalent among those holding leases in that section that a Big Lime pool will be opened in the near future.

In the Mt. Morris district, in Greene county, Pa., the Dunkard Oil and Gas Company has completed its test on the David DeLong farm and has a show for a 15-barrel producer in the Gordon.

Up in Clarion county the talent has a little excitement near Voincicle, in Farmington township, near the Forest county line. A short time since a local company drilled in a test on the James Wray farm and got a well reported to be producing from 25 to 50 barrels a day. Leasing has been quite active in that locality and operators are offering a bonus. There are three new wells started and the land owners are excited over the new strike.

The Oil Market.

The Standard quotes credit balances in the several fields as follows:

Pennsylvania, $1 55; Second Sand, $1 45; Tiona, $1 70; Corning, $1 22; New Castle, $1 47; Cabell, $1 30; North Lima, $1 04; South Lima, 99c; Indiana, 99c; Somerset, 96c; Ragland, 6[illegible].

The Producers and Refiners Oil Company quotes Pennsylvania crude at $1 55.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 17.—North Lima, $1 04; South Lima and Indiana, 99c.

OIL CITY, Dec. 17.—Credit balances, $1 55; certificates, no bid; shipments, 62,979 barrels; average, 76,226 barrels; runs, 79,687 barrels; average, 79,503 barrels; shipments, Lima, 68,191 barrels; average, 50,430 barrels; runs, Lima, 64,194 barrels; average, 57,509 barrels.

SHOWS THE TENTH IN A HOT ACTION

Many View Artist Peters' Painting of Battle of Caloocan in the Philippines.

Many Pittsburghers and other Western Pennsylvanians, especially veterans of the Tenth Pennsylvania's campaign in the Philippine war, have viewed this week the immense canvas depicting the Tenth in service at the battle of Caloocan on February 10, 1899. As told in The Gazette several days ago, the painting has been hung temporarily in Mellor's music store, Fifth avenue, by the artist, G. W. Peters. The exhibit is preliminary to the introduction of a bill for the purchase of the painting by the state to be hung in the new capitol at Harrisburg.

A photograph of the painting is reproduced herewith. It shows Companies I and C of the Tenth and the Utah battery fighting from the permanent fortifications built around Laloma church, which had been taken from the insurrectos only a short time before, largely by the work of the valiant Tenth. Four life-size figures have the foreground. Farther away stands Col. Alexander L. Hawkins, surveying with his field glasses the enemy's ground in the high grass about 1,000 yards distant. Near him stands Capt. Grant of the battery. On the high wall in the rear are various figures, one of them representing Gen. McArthur himself, who was then in command of the second division.

From the dome of the church the signal corps is at work with the wig-wag flags giving advices regarding the enemy. The whole scene is life-like.

Artist Peters is well equipped to portray the scene, as he was with the command during this part of the war and sketched the outlines on the spot. Photographs served to complete the exactness of the scene. At the time he was serving as the artist for New York weeklies and his sketches for these publications are well remembered by those who followed the progress of the war.

This battle was one of the most important conflicts of the war. Its successful issue gave the American soldiery the possession of Malolos, the insurgent capital. The insurgent army, under Gen. Luna, was composed of 4,000 men and the conflict was a bloody one.

"The painting required a year and a half for its completion," says Mr. Peters. "I am especially eager to have it hung in the state capitol, as there it will be best preserved. I value the painting at $10,000 at least, and I have encouragement in believing that the purchase of the painting by the state will be supported by a number of the members of the two houses. One reason for special pride for Pennsylvania in its Philippine record is the fact that the Tenth Pennsylvania was the only eastern volunteer regiment that saw service in the Philippines. The record made by the command is still well remembered."

Mr. Peters is himself a Pennsylvanian, having been born in Lebanon. His present home is near New York.

PURE WATER FOR THE TWO CITIES

Bigelow Proposes to Give Both Pittsburgh and Allegheny Filtration.

"The Pittsburgh filtration plant will consist of 47 sand filter beds and the daily capacity of the plant will not be less than 125,000,000 gallons, which will be sufficient to supply Pittsburgh for years to come," said L. K. Davis, manager of the United States Filtration Company and a prospective bidder to build the Pittsburgh plant.

The statement as to the size of the plant is important because it is the first information in that regard that has reached the public. Councils were unable to obtain the plans and specifications for the plant while the 10 contract ordinances were under consideration, and the bills were passed with the members in ignorance as to these matters.

Even should meters not be installed for years the plant, as proposed by Director Bigelow, will be large enough to supply not only Pittsburgh, but Allegheny as well. It is the opinion of water experts that meters will reduce the consumption of water 20 or 25 per cent, and if they are in general use when the filtration plant is completed the plant would be large enough to supply the entire territory which it is proposed to include in the Greater Pittsburgh.

The daily average consumption of water in Pittsburgh is about 70,000,000 gallons, and if meters were in use the consumption would be reduced to about one-half of the proposed supply of Director Bigelow's filtration plant to be built above Aspinwall.

In laying out his plans for the plant at Aspinwall Director Bigelow is taking the prospective annexation of Allegheny to Pittsburgh into consideration. He stated yesterday that if Allegheny becomes a part of Pittsburgh, as seems probable, the North Side district can be easily and quickly supplied with filtered water from the Aspinwall plant, as it is only a short distance from Montrose, where the Allegheny pumping station is located.

In his estimates, presented by Director Bigelow to councils last year, which put the total cost of filtration at $7,152,000, he provided for 45 filter beds. The three experts employed by councils to pass upon Bigelow's estimates recommended 40 filter beds.

Mr. Davis has had charge of the construction of the sand filter plant at Washington, D. C. He says he still has a third interest in that work. He says that its capacity will be 100,000,000 gallons, and its total cost will be $3,200,000. The cost cannot go above that figure.

The advertisement for bids on the local contracts is delayed until Mayor Hays returns to the city and signs the ordinances authorizing the contracts. Director Bigelow says he will advertise for 20 days and at the end of that time the bids will be opened and the contracts awarded. Bids from large construction firms all over the country are expected.

WHEAT WEAKENS ON WET WEATHER REPORT

Moisture Said to Have Affected Crops in the Southwest.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Moisture in the southwest was partly responsible for weakness here today in wheat. Increased receipts northwest made the bearish tendency more apparent. At the close May wheat was down ¾@[illegible]c. Corn is off ⅛@¼c. Oats are unchanged and provisions 5@10c lower.

A weak undertone prevailed in the wheat market from the start. As a result of lower cables and because of improved weather conditions southwest there was quite a general selling at the opening. Receipts in the northwest were fairly liberal and this contributed to bearish sentiment. Initial quotations on May were down ¼@⅜c to ½@⅝c at $1 10¾@1 11. There was rather light support to the market until May had dropped to $1 10@1 10⅛. Prices, however, hovered around this point the greater part of the day, with only a moderate volume of business. News from the northwest was less bullish than of late, the demand for cash wheat at Minneapolis being reported much lighter. Prospects of a large increase in the visible supply Monday did not tend to encourage bull enthusiasm. A feature of trading was covering by shorts in the December option. The result was a slight net advance in the price of that delivery. Distant deliveries benefited to some extent the comparative firmness of December, but the general undertone at the close was weak. Final quotations on May were at $1 10⅛. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 153,100 bushels. Primary receipts were 188,900 bushels, compared with 697,000 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 641 cars, against 746 cars last week and 373 cars a year ago.

Aside from good support by commission houses for the May option the corn market was without special features. Trading was mainly of a scalping nature and the volume of business was small. At one time the December delivery sold at a discount under the May option. Large primary receipts were a depressing factor, but prices showed only slight losses. May opened a shade to ⅛c lower at 45⅛@45¼c, sold off to 45c and closed at 45¼c. Local receipts were 533 cars, with 11 of contract grade.

Trading in oats was extremely quiet and a steady tone prevailed throughout the day. Weakness of other grains had a depressing influence, but this was offset by small local receipts. May opened a shade lower to a shade higher at 31¼c to 31⅜c, sold off to 31⅛c and closed at 31¼@31⅜c. Local receipts were 64 cars.

Provisions were easy on a lack of support from packers. Trading was very quiet, the large stocks of provisions holding speculation in check. At the close May pork was off 10c at $12 82½. Lard was down 5c at $7 05½. Ribs were 5@7½c lower at $6 72½@6 75.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 63 cars; corn, 773 cars; oats, 104 cars; hogs, 46,000 head.

The leading futures, reported by John D. Armstrong & Co., members of the Chicago board of trade, Farmers Bank building, are as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday's Close.
WHEAT No. 2.					
Dec.	1 08¾	1 10⅛	1 08¾	1 09½	1 09⅝
May	1 11	1 11	1 10⅛	1 10⅛	1 11⅜
July	98½	98½	98	98⅜	98⅞
CORN. No. 2.					
Dec.	45½	45½	45	45¼	45⅝
May	45¼	45¼	45	45¼	45⅜
July	45⅝	45½	45⅝	45½	45⅝
OATS. No. 2.					
Dec.	29¼	29¼	29⅛	29¼	29⅜
May	31⅛	31⅜	31¼	38	31⅜
July	31⅜	31¼	31⅛	38	31½
MESS PORK.					
Jan.	12 55	12 55	12 47½	12 47½	12 55
May	12 92½	12 95	12 82½	12 82½	12 92½
LARD.					
Jan.	6 85	6 85	6 80	6 80	6 85
May	7 10	7 12½	7 07½	7 07½	7 12½
SHORT RIBS.					
Jan.	6 77½	6 77½	6 72½	6 75	6 80

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour steady; winter patents, $5 10@5 20; straights, $4 80@5 00; spring patents, $4 90@5 50; straights, $4 60@4 90; No. 2 spring wheat, patents, $1 08@1 14; No. 3, 95c@$1 10; No. 2 red, $1 12@1 14½; No. 2 corn, 45¼@46c; No. 2 yellow, 45¼@46c; No. 2 oats, 29½c; No. 3 white, 30@30¾c; No. 2 rye, $7 30@7 40; good feeding barley, 37@38c; fair to choice malting, 41@48c; No. 1 flax seed, $1 18; No. 1 northwestern, $1 26; prime timothy seed, $2 72½; mess pork, bbl, $11 25@11 87½; lard, 100 lbs, $6 75; short ribs sides, loose, $6 25@6 50; short clear sides, boxed, $6 62½@6 75; whisky, basis high wines, $1 24; clover, contract grade, $12 75.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	184,000	5,700
Wheat, bu	93,000	404,400
Corn, bu	321,900	290,100
Oats, bu	75,400	184,000
Rye, bu	2,000	4,400
Barley, bu	79,800	16,500

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Flour—Receipts, 17,588 barrels; exports, 7,753 barrels. Quiet but not quotably lower. Minnesota patent, $5 85@6 10; Minnesota bakers, $4 40@4 75; winter patents, $5 50@5 85; winter straights, $5 25@5 40; winter extras, $3 65@4 30; winter low grades, $3 45@4 10. Rye flour steady; fair to good, $4 40@4 70; choice to fancy, $4 75@5 00. Buckwheat flour steady; per 100 pounds, $2 10@2 20. Cornmeal firm; fine white and yellow, $1 30@1 35; coarse, $1 24@1 26; kiln dried, $2 90@3 10. Rye nominal. Barley steady; feeding, 44¼c c. i. f. New York; malting, 44@51c c. i. f. Buffalo.

Wheat—Receipts, 15,000 bushels; spot easy; No. 2 red, nominal, elevator; No. 3 red, $1 16⅝ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1 22¼ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal, f. o. b. afloat. A sharp break occurred in wheat today, resulting from liberal northwest receipts, poor cables, weak outside markets and good snow in the west. The market closed ¼@⅝c net lower. May, $1 12@1 12¾, closed $1 12¼; July, $1 02⅝@1 02¾, closed $1 02¾; December closed $1 16⅝.

Corn—Receipts, 159,100 bushels; exports, 112,903 bushels; spot firm; No. 2, 62c asked, elevator and 54¼c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 54½c; No. 2 white, 54½c. Options market was dull and easier with wheat, closing ⅛@⅝c net lower. May closed 51⅛c; December, 54¾c, closed 54¾c.

Oats—Receipts, 73,500 bushels; exports, 575 bushels; spot steady; mixed oats, 26 to 31 pounds, 34½@35½c; natural white, 30 to 32 pounds, 35@36½c; clipped white, 36 to 40 pounds, 36@39c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17.—Wheat—No. 1 northern, $1 12; No. 2 northern, $1 04@1 08; May, $1 10⅝@1 10¾. Rye—No. 1, 78c. Barley—No. 2, 52c; sample, 36@50c. Corn—No. 3, 43@44c; May, 45⅝c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Close: Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, elevator, $1 11¾; May, $1 12¾; July, 95½@95⅝c; No. 2 hard, $1 10@1 12. Corn—No. 2, cash, 42c; December, 42c; May, 42⅞@43c. Oats—No. 2, cash, 30c; December, 29¾c; May, 31⅝c; No. 2 white, 32c.

DULUTH, MINN., Dec. 27.—Close: Wheat—No. 1 northern, $1 09⅛; No. 2 northern, $1 03¼; December, $1 09¼; May, $1 12⅛.

TOLEDO, Dec. 17.—Cloverseed, cash and December, $7 87; February, $7 95; March, $8 00; prime timothy, $1 30; prime alsike, $8 00.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Wheat, December, $1 07¾; May, $1 12¼; July, $1 11⅝@1 11½; No. 1 hard, $1 12; No. 1 northern, $1 10; No. 2 northern, $1 04¼. Flour—First patents, $5 90@6 00; second patents, $5 70@5 80; first clears, $4 10@4 35; second clears, $2 70@2 85. Bran in bulk, $14 75@15 00.

The Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 8.05c; middling gulf, 8.30c; no sales. The range of prices for the day was as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	7.64	7.68	7.61	7.61
February	*7.71	7.74	7.73	7.70
March	7.82	7.86	7.80	7.80
April	*7.94	7.94	7.92	7.87
May	7.96	7.98	7.93	7.93
June	*8.02	....	....	7.99
July	*8.07	8.10	8.06	8.04
August	8.09	8.10	8.08	8.03
October	8.05	8.05	8.05	7.98
December	*7.55	7.60	7.60	7.56

*Bid.

Pig Iron Certificates Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Pig iron quotations at the 11 o'clock call on the produce exchange:

	Bid.	Asked.
Cash	17.00	....
December	17.00	....
January	17.10	17.20
February	17.10	17.20
March	17.10	17.20
April	17.10	17.25
May	17.00	17.05
June	16.90	17.00
July	16.90	17.00

Market active and unchanged to 10 points off. Sales 100 January at 17.10, 900 May at 17.00@17.05, 500 June at 17.00 and 100 July at 17.00.

Banks and the Treasury.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—In redemption of checks drawn by depositors of gold at the Seattle assay office today's official records show that the sub-treasury paid out yesterday $2,074. Total payment by government to New York banks for the day, $4,246,000. Payment by banks to government, $4,226,000. Balance on the day's transactions, $20,000 paid by government to banks, against $1,447,000 paid by banks to government a week ago.

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For many years this one book in Judge Fetterman's library was the envy of nearly every attorney at the Allegheny county bar, and when it was decided to sell the collection of books, a large number of lawyers attended the sale for the express purpose of securing this volume if possible. For two days they waited about, hoping to see it put up for sale, but they thought the family had decided to keep it. In this they were mistaken, for late one evening, when nearly all of them had left the building where the books were on sale, with the idea that it was not on the list, the auctioneer put it up and it was secured by A. G. Smith, who was determined to buy it if it cost him several hundred dollars.

Covered Broad Field.

The book was described in the preface as "The Dictionarium Britannicum," or a more complete universal etymological English dictionary than any extant, containing not only the words and their explication, but their etymologies from the ancient British, Teutonic, Dutch, high and low, old Saxon, German, Danish, Swedish, Norman, and modern French, Italian, Spanish, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, etc., each in its proper character, by N. Bailey, printed for T. Cox, at the Lamb, London, under the Royal Exchange, MDCCXXXVI. (1736).

This is only a portion of the peculiar description of what the book contained. It was filled with all the old quaint proverbs then known to the English tongue, and contains all the words then known but now obsolete, together with many words then used, but thought at the present day to be nothing but slang.

Judge Fetterman was very fond of showing this book during his lifetime, as it was the only one of its kind in existence so far as he could discover. On one occasion he had an important legal case decided on the definition of a word which the court claimed did not exist in a legal sense. It was a case before the late Judge Ewing and the whole fabric of Judge Fetterman's case depended on the legal construction of a word which cannot be used in print.

Fetterman Proved His Case.

The court said the word had no legal significance and was slang, meaning nothing to good English scholars. Judge Fetterman asked the court to wait a few minutes and he would prove by the highest authority of the time that this word was good English two hundred years ago and is only left out of modern English dictionaries because of a false modesty or idea. He produced Bailey's dictionary and the word was described, with its latin roots. The case was decided in his favor and the word still exists in a legal sense.

The work was formerly owned by Attorney J. B. Flack, who sold it to Judge Fetterman, many years ago, and the ex-judge had many large offers for it during his lifetime. Attorneys waited to see it put up for sale and when toward the evening of the second day it was still in the possession of the family, they left one by one. Mr. Smith with several others waited, however, and as he privately informed them he was going to have the book under any circumstances, they permitted him to secure it for a comparatively small sum. He always keeps it in his safe in his office.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Baer of Bellevue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Hattie Baer, and Meyer H. Herman of Philadelphia. At home January 1.

—An entertainment was given in the parish house of the Church of the Ascension under the direction of Miss Henrietta L. Smith on Monday evening.

—A quiet wedding took place last Thursday afternoon in the rectory of the Methodist Protestant church of Bellevue, the Rev. George Shaffer officiating, when Miss Margaret L. Clancy, daughter of Albert J. Clancy, the postmaster of Bellevue, became Mrs. Harry J. Thomas. Mr. Thomas, who is well known in Lawrenceville, is connected with the American Bridge Co. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will be at home in Avalon.

—A banquet was given for H. C. McKelvey, H. McCambridge, George Hohmeyer, H. H. Studt, John M. Hughes, F. M. McKelvey, C. L. Neumann and W. G. Harbison, at the Hotel Henry, on Wednesday evening.

—A sleighing party was given by the East End euchre club on Wednesday evening. Miss Jean Albert will entertain the club at her home in Bouquet street, on December 22.

—Margaret Finch Rebekah Lodge No. 124, I. O. O. F., will meet on December 19. On January 2 candidates will be initiated.

—A quaint and charming entertainment was given on Thursday evening, in the chapel of the North Presbyterian church, Grant and Lincoln avenues, Allegheny, representing a "singing skule" in the days of "auld lang syne." A feature of the program was a solo, "Grandma's Advice," by Miss Clara Gregg. Miss Nell Stewart posed as "the prize pupil, Samantha."

—The marriage of Miss Nina Marian Joyce of Carnegie, and Alexis P. Walsh of Crafton, took place on Thursday at high noon, in the Church of the Epiphany, Washington street and Fifth avenue, this city, the Rev. Father O'Connell officiating.

—A piano recital in which some of the younger pupils of the Carter conservatory participated, took place at the conservatory in South Highland avenue last week. The pupils were Miss Oyer, Miss Fanny Solof, Miss Marion Mansfield, Miss Jean Thomas, Miss Hazel Smith, Miss Essie Gorfinkel, Miss Edith Tinkler, Miss Robina Williams, Miss May Williams, Miss Helen Thompson, Miss Ruth Thomas, Miss Ethel Berms and Russell Warner and Julius Gorfinkel.

—The Blue Bell club, a newly-formed organization of young people of this city, was entertained at the home of Miss Patterson, in Morgan street, on Friday evening.

Additional Music Notes.

The annual Christmas concert of the Curry Conservatory of Music will be given next Friday evening under the direction of Simeon Bissell, at the conservatory. About 20 of the students will take part, assisted by Miss Marie Sprague.

"Old Trinity" will have a special musical program on Christmas Day, next Sunday, when the rector, the Rev. Dr. A. W. Arundel, will officiate. The Altar society has completed all arrangements for the decorations of the beautiful interior, while the organist and choirmaster, Walter E. Hall, F. R. C. O., will have a vested choir of 40 voices for the rendering of the appropriate music and for the singing of a number of old English Christmas carols.

The pupils of Harry G. Archer, assisted by Miss Jane Lang, will give a piano recital at Mr. Archer's studio, No. 406 Sixth avenue, tomorrow evening. Those whose names appear on the program are Miss Ethel Bayard, Miss Mary Orr, Miss Lida J. Kifer, Miss Wylma Edith Campbell and Messrs. Fred G. Riethmiller and Robert M. Kinkaid.

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THE MAIL ORDER UNION, Camden, N. J., most systematic organization of its kind, wants members. Fits you for extensive business on capital from $2.50 to $6.00.

Monthly Paper Whole Year 10c, Home World, Dept. 30, Station A, City.

AGENTS AND CANVASSERS
Make $5 to $10 per day the year round. The latest and easiest selling household necessity on the market; sells on sight in every home; large profits; exclusive control of territory. For all information write T 242, The Gazette.

WANTED.

Agents.

SLOAN
Will write your specifications. Sloan Typewriting Bureau, 912 Farmers Bank bldg.

A TRIPPLE combination, new style perfecto gum machine; only $2, or free with 12 boxes of gum; stamp for particulars. J. W. Livingston, Armour Station, Chicago.

WANTED.
A gentleman of good address to present a first-class proposition to bankers and brokers. Taft, 118 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.

RETURN this ad, together with 10c, mention this paper, and we will send you 3 handsome silver-plated teaspoons, 3 gold front beauty pins and our latest illustrated catalogue; all prepaid. Address National Jewelry Co., 16th and Huntingdon, Philadelphia.

AGENTS—Hustling sales agent in every county in Pennsylvania; exclusive control and sale of the latest and easiest selling household article on the market. Can be sold wholesale and retail at large profit. No bonus required. Write for information. Address H 100, The Gazette.

FREE—A handsome Christmas or New Year's card mailed each person sending name and address to the Apt Co., 4120 Ellis ave., Chicago, Ill.

AGENTS—$50 a week guaranteed; automatic washers sell themselves; agent writes: "Exhibited sample to ten women; took ten orders;" time, 45 minutes; profit, over $30; guaranteed to do a washing in 30 minutes; furnishes its own power; requires no labor; costs less than any other machine; free samples and exclusive territory furnished. Automatic Washer Co., Station U, Chicago.

AGENTS—Our just patented mop wringer is the greatest agents' success on the market; every agent we have makes $8 to $12 daily; sells at sight; on approval at our risk; do not fail to write at once; a high-class business; agent's sample, $1.50. The Chapman Company, Oneida, N. Y.

AGENTS—Improved adjustable window sign; quick seller to stores, saloons, etc.; big profits; illustrated circulars; territory. Climax Novelty Co., St. Louis.

AGENTS and mail order dealers sell Reliable Parcel Carrier; entirely new; makes shopping easy; patent pending; sample and circular 20c. S. E. Packard, Stoughton, Mass.

HOUSEHOLD NECESSITY—Ideal sharpener puts keen edge on knives, scissors, skates, 20c. Carnet Novelty Co., 28 Hullfish st., Princeton, New Jersey.

Male Help.

A PRESSMAN; steady position, at good wages; call today. 412 John st., Braddock.

A YOUNG MAN with $700 to invest in good-paying saloon in East Liverpool, O. Call Room 310, 331 Fourth ave.

A YOUNG MAN with $150 to invest in good-paying business. Call 331 Fourth ave., room 310.

ARE YOU SEEKING EMPLOYMENT? A LIST OF VACANCIES NOW READY; NEW ORDERS DAILY, FROM OFFICE MANAGERS TO PORTERS, TECHNICAL AND MECHANICAL POSITIONS SECURED. STAR BUREAU, 120 SIXTH STREET.

ANY intelligent person may earn $10 to $15 weekly in spare time corresponding for newspapers; no canvassing; send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

ADVERTISING—Man with 15 years' newspaper experience is open for engagement as ad man for party who desires to place a large amount of advertising. J. K. Lawrence, care 325 Farmers Bank building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

BE your own boss. Send for our book "Money-Making Secrets." For ladies or men; 64 pages. Tells you how to manufacture 100 different articles at a cost of few cents each. Only 10 cents. Ohio Supply Co., New Paris, O.

BOOKKEEPER—Competent bookkeeper for a temporary position in a retail store in the central part of the city. L 198, The Gazette.

DRAUGHTSMAN—Table standard, steam, gas, water pipe, tapping, sizer and pipe fittings; 5c stamp. E. B. Meyer, Allegheny, Pa.

DRIVERS—Five laundry drivers, with good routes. Apply 200 Cedar st.

EXCELLENT opportunity to learn barber trade in six weeks at NOSSKOFF'S BARBER SCHOOL, 1405 Penn ave.

FILLED case watches, American movements for ladies at $5.90. LOUIS DE ROY & BROS., 643 Smithfield st., near Seventh ave.

FREE—HERE YOU ARE, BOYS—FREE.
A complete tool chest with 19 tools given for selling 24 packages of fine laundry bluing which you can readily sell at 10 cents a package; best bluing in the market; send name and address; no money; we will mail you the blue. When sold remit us the money, $2.40, and we will at once send you the tool chest or your choice of 50 other elegant premiums. Write at once; we trust you.
HOME SUPPLY CO.,
Dept. 2, Greenville, Pa.

GOVERNMENT POSITIONS—More than 30,000 appointments last year; chances even better now; examinations soon in every state; circular 179 giving positions, salaries, examinations, sample questions, etc., sent free. National Cor. Institute, Wash., D. C.

HIGH GRADE positions open to Executive, Clerical, Technical and Salesmen paying from $1,000 to $5,000 a year. Call or write.
HAPGOODS (Inc.) "Brain Brokers,"
706 Park Bldg., Pittsburgh.

MEN—Ten men in each state to travel, tack signs and distribute samples and circulars of our goods; salary, $75 per month; $3 per day for expenses. Kuhlman Co., Dept. D 16, Atlas block, Chicago.

PATTERNMAKER—One metal patternmaker, with experience in valve and fitting work. Apply at The Best Mfg. Co., Thirty-seventh and Sassafras sts., city.

POLICE, detectives, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, marshals, constables, officers every town and city, United States and Canada, send name and address QUICK. Box 100, Dept. 12, Washington, D. C.

QUALIFY to fill an important position; learn to write advertisements; information sent free. Page-Davis Co., 155 Wabash ave., Chicago.

SIDE LINE TRAVELING MAN can make $25 to $50 per week carrying side line of most up-to-date advertising fans of our exclusive and special designs; season now opening. Apply at once. The Kemper-Thomas Company, Fan Dept., Station H, Cincinnati, O.

SALESMEN—Young men with money; opportunity of a lifetime; business has but one competitor. If interested, name cash at your command. Address U 132, The Gazette.

SALESMAN—Young man of experience required. Central Bureal, 403 Federal st., Allegheny.

SALESMAN—To sell mining stocks of great future; mines located in the greatest producing territory in the world; millions been taken from many adjoining mines. Address S 132, The Gazette.

STOCK SALESMEN—Several first-class high-grade men with ability and good address to place limited amount of stock in industrial enterprise, absolutely safe, with good future and permanent position if satisfactory; references. Address William L. Altland, 716 Traction and Terminal building, Indianapolis, Ind.

STRANGERS in city seeking employment call. We can place you in the following positions: Collectors, salesmen, office, shipping clerks and numerous others. Give us a trial and be convinced. Information free. GUARANTEE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, room 3, 205 Federal st., Allegheny.

TEMPERER—One familiar with all kinds of hardening and tempering of dies, milling machine cutters, lathe and planer tools, etc.; one familiar with the treatment of high-speed steel preferred. Apply in person to employment department, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., East Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE ONLY LICENSED OFFICE IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.
WE LEAD, OTHERS FOLLOW.
WE ARE THE STANDARD BEARERS.
OUR METHOD IS UNSURPASSED.
NO OTHER JUST AS GOOD.
OTHERS CANNOT SUBSTITUTE OUR METHODS
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CALL. INFORMATION FREE.
THE MERCANTILE BUREAU.
(INCORPORATED.)
434—FOURTH AVE.—434.

WANTED—Job printers; two good men; steady position; call today. 412 John St., Braddock.

WANTED—Four good hustlers to introduce and sell the Electric gas lighter. Address box 5, New Eagle, Pa.

WANTED—Intelligent young men and ladies who are desirous of increasing their salaries by honest employment in their own locality. Address box 5, New Eagle, Pa.

WANTED—An intelligent man, under 35 years of age, for outside work; only those unemployed need apply; state age and references. Address K 134, The Gazette.

WANTED.

Male Help.

WANTED—Men and women to take orders for our mimeograph letters; every merchant in your town will order them. See us for samples free. Sloan Typewriting Bureau, 912 Farmers Bank Building.

WANTED—One good stairbuilder; one who can figure stairs. Apply Hood Automatic Co., 403 Carl bldg., Wilkinsburg.

WANTED—Young man stenographer with some experience; state age and salary expected. Address R 198, The Gazette.

WANTED—One good stair builder, who can figure on stairs. Apply Hood Automatic Co., 403 Carl bldg., Wilkinsburg.

AN XMAS GIFT.
A SAVINGS ACCOUNT STARTED AT ARONSON BROS. COMPANY BANK.
ARONSON BLDG., 646 FIFTH AVE.,
MAKES A XMAS GIFT NEVER FORGOTTEN.
4 per cent Interest Paid on Deposits Semi-Annually.
Accounts Received from $1.00 up.
HOME SAVINGS BANK FREE.

YOUNG man to act as salesman; no experience required. Central Bureau, 403 Federal st., Allegheny.

YOUNG MAN to prepare for desirable position in Govt. Mail Service. Salary $800. Rapid promotion to $1,500. Splendid opportunity. Address Box 570, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

YOUNG MEN to learn telegraphy and accept positions on railroad; rare opportunity; call at once. PENNSYLVANIA TELEGRAPH COLLEGE, No. 600-601-602-603 Lewis Block.

YOUNG MEN everywhere, copy letters, home evenings; $9.50 week; send addressed envelope for particulars. Manager Dept. S 232, box 1411, Philadelphia, Pa.

YOUNG MAN—Wideawake young man for stenographer and office assistant. Address, giving age, experience, references and salary expected, W 132, The Gazette.

Female Help.

A—WANTED, in all parts of the United States, intelligent ladies to represent my home treatment for diseases of women; no capital required; liberal pay. For particulars address W. C. RAMSEY, M. D., Hopedale, Harrison Co., Ohio.

ANY intelligent person may earn $10 to $15 weekly in spare time corresponding for newspapers; no canvassing; send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

ASSORTERS and packers for large steam laundry. Must be first-class. Address N. 198, The Gazette.

CASH GIRLS AND WRAPPERS—Experienced, wanted at once; come ready to work Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Apply at first floor office, Solomon's store.

GIRL—Competent girl for general housework and competent nurse maid; references required; 'phone 244-L, Sewickley. Mrs. Christy Payne.

GIRL—White, to do general housework, one who can do cooking; good home, small family; wages $6 per week; reference required. Call at 5516 Baywood st., East End.

GIRL—Girl for housework; two in family; $4.50 week up. 1215 Esplanade st., Allegheny.

GIRLS—25 German girls waiting for positions; best of references given. LAWRENCEVILLE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY can furnish all kinds of female help on short notice. 3624 Butler st., 'phone 158 R Fisk.

JOURNALISM and Short Story Writing—If you are an easy and graceful writer you should investigate our courses; they are thorough and practical and under the direction of experienced journalists; this is an attractive and profitable field for women of culture and talents. Ask for Bulletin "L 6." National Correspondence Institute, Washington, D. C., or Pittsburgh office, 310 Empire Building.

LADIES—Everywhere, copying letters at home, evenings or spare time, and return to us; no mailing or canvassing; $9 weekly earned; materials free; inclose self-addressed envelope for particulars. Peerless Chemical Co., Box 246, Lansing, Mich.

LADIES—Earn $20 per hundred writing short letters. Send stamped envelope for particulars. Ideal Mfg. Co., Cassopolis, Mich.

LADIES' solid 14 kt. heavy gold watches, extra weight; Elgin, Walthams, etc.; sold at $25 to $35, at $14.75. LOUIS DE ROY & BROS., 643 Smithfield st., near Seventh ave.

SALESWOMEN—With experience, for leather goods, handkerchief and art departments; must be experienced. Apply to managers of departments, first floor, Solomon's store.

WANTED.
A first-class experienced woman stenographer of good appearance, about 23 years of age; must have executive ability and be capable of assuming charge of an office; must give references; an exceptional offer will be made to the right party. Call Monday morning at room 402, 238 Fourth ave.

WANTED—Men and women to take orders for our mimeograph letters; every merchant in your town will order them. See us for samples free. Sloan Typewriting Bureau, 912 Farmers Bank Building.

WANTED—Cash girls; must be experienced. Meyer Jonasson Company, Sixth and Liberty sts.

WOMEN wanted everywhere copying letters at home, evenings or spare time, and return to us; no mailing or canvassing; $9 weekly earned; material free; enclose self-addressed envelope for particulars. Guarantee Co., No. S 232 Ninth st., Philadelphia, Pa.

WOMEN to sew at home; $9 per week; material sent everywhere free; steady work; plain sewing only; send addressed envelope for full particulars. S. K. M. Du Pont, Philadelphia, Pa.

WOMEN everywhere to address envelopes at home; positively no canvassing; no writing to your friends. Solar Furnace & Power Co., New York, N. Y.

WOMEN—$25 thousand copying short letters at home; material sent free everywhere; send stamped addressed envelope for copy of letter and full particulars. Eastern Co., 817 Heed building, Philadelphia, Pa.

WOMEN—$30 thousand copying letters; no mailing to friends or furnishing addresses; stamped envelope particulars. U. S. Advertising Co., Dept. 242, Chicago.

WOMEN get $25 per hundred sending us short letters; inclose stamped envelope. Crown Mfg. Co., Valparaiso, Ind.

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HOME SAVINGS BANK FREE.

Situations—Male.

MECHANICAL ENGINEER and draftsman wants steady position, general machinery or engines; has technical education and shop experience. $1,500. Box H 134, Gazette.

WANTED—Situation by young man, thoroughly experienced in office work; at present am acting as treasurer and general credit man for large wholesale house; can give A1 references; also good reason for wanting to make change. Address O 132, The Gazette.

Situations—Females.

COMPETENT and experienced woman stenographer desires position; satisfactory references furnished. Address O 132, The Gazette.

STENOGRAPHER—Young lady having six years' experience as stenographer and general office assistant, who can also assist with books and make herself generally useful, desires position with reliable concern; can furnish good references. Address J 198, The Gazette.

GIRL—German, wants housework; good cook and laundress; references. 1215 Esplanade st., Allegheny.

GERMAN girl wants situation; good cook and laundress. 1215 Esplanade st., above North ave.

Male and Female Help.

MRS. COLLINS' EMPLOYMENT AGENCY will suit you with a position at once. 4514 Penn ave. Bell 'phone 418 R Fisk.

MEN AND WOMEN—Everywhere to take orders for our high-grade toilet preparations, perfumes, soaps, extracts, etc.; salary and commission. Call or write for terms. C. M. Oviatt, 710 Bijou bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

SALESMAN—Live salesman (either sex); $30 to $50 per week; no peddling or canvassing, but a high-class business proposition, which requires high-class people to handle; call or write. Turner & Co., Perry building, Philadelphia.

WANTED—Men and women to take orders for our mimeograph letters; every merchant in your town will order them. See us for samples free. Sloan Typewriting Bureau, 912 Farmers Bank Building.

WANTED.

Real Estate.

LANDLORDS and OWNERS of PROPERTY

TAKE NOTICE.
We will serve January Quit Notice to your tenants, Rent Your Property and Collect Your Rents till April 1, '05, Without Any Cost or Charges. If you will place with us The Renting of Your Property for Next Year. List Your Property at Once with Rent Department.

Aronson Realty Company,
ARONSON BLDG., 646 FIFTH AVE.
(No branch office.)
RENT PROPERTY FOR OTHERS.
WILL RENT PROPERTY FOR YOU.

Business Opportunities.

IF YOU SPECULATE IN STOCKS, BUY ATCHISON.

IF YOU SPECULATE IN GRAIN, BUY WHEAT.

"A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT."

R. M. WEAVER,
STOCKS, BONDS AND GRAIN.
223 FOURTH AVE., PITTSBURGH.

SHOE STORE.
I have a party who wants to buy a shoe store, stock to invoice not over $10,000. Prefer good town Western Pa., not less than 5,000 people.
CHARLES W. TURNER,
415 Fourth ave.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PRESENTS.
SPECIAL HOLIDAY DISCOUNTS. ONE HUNDRED CHRISTMAS SCHOLARSHIPS are being issued by THE ACTUAL BUSINESS COLLEGE. Small payment secures scholarship at once. Balance payable monthly. All students receiving scholarship last Christmas have excellent position. ACTUAL BUSINESS COLLEGE, NO. 310 FIFTH AVE., TEN-CENT STORE BUILDING. Office open day and evening. Commercial, Shorthand, Typewriting, Penmanship and English departments. Established Twenty-five Years.

SHEET METAL STAMPING.
In brass, aluminum and steel.
Die work of any kind.
Estimates given.
THE FOREMAN CAN CO.,
'Phone 50, Irwin, Pa.

DRYGOODS—I want to buy a drygoods and notion store, $5,000 to $10,000; pay cash; all replies confidential. Address J 134, The Gazette.

Mortgage Loans.

ED. WITTISH, 424 Fifth ave., Pittsburgh, has money for investments, city properties or good stocks and bonds preferred as security. Call.

Partner.

WANTED—PARTNER.
Partner for half interest in an established lumber brokerage business for Pittsburgh and vicinity; small amount of cash required. See
ZAHNISER & CO.,
426 Fourth ave.

BUSINESS MAN to take $3,000 worth of stock; very promising manufacturing company, and act as manager; rare chance; business covered by patents. Address S 198, The Gazette.

Farms.

WANTED—To purchase a small fruit farm adjacent to Pittsburgh. Address X 240, The Gazette.

Pupils.

M'DOWELL School of Dresscutting and Dressmaking has removed to 434 Penn ave.

BERLITZ SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES remains open for instructions during holidays.

Miscellaneous.

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Babies' solid gold rings	10 cents
Children's solid gold rings	25 cents
Misses' solid gold rings	50 cents
Ladies' solid gold rings	One dollar

ARONS, Jeweler, 205 and 207 Smithfield st.

SLOAN
Wants to see you about typewritten letters; just the thing to boom business. 912 Farmers Bank bldg.

FISCHER'S PURE APPLE CIDER.
Delicious, Healthy and Refreshing.
SOLD BOTTLES AND JUGS, EVERYWHERE.

20-YEAR gold-filled case, thin model Appleton watches, worth $12 at $5. LOUIS DE ROY & BROS., 643 Smithfield st., near Seventh ave.

H. C. KNAPP, commercial job printer, 3524 Butler st. Both telephones.

MEN, women, boys, girls, babies wanted, to buy Louvre holiday gloves. Louvre, 504 Market.

FOR RENT.—FURNISHED ROOMS.

City and Suburban.

ATWOOD ST., 221, Oakland—Furnished rooms, bath, hot water; near all car lines.

CABINET ST., 1008—Two rooms furnished or unfurnished, for light housekeeping; all conveniences; hot and cold water.

CAROLINA ST., 350, Oakland—Two rooms, furnished complete; light housekeeping; range, gases, bath.

DE ROUAND, 2031, near Fifth ave. and Seneca—Furnished single room.

DOUBLE parlor to let, suitable for physician, rent reasonable. 4712 Fifth ave., near Neville st.

DAUPHIN ST., 5355—Three furnished rooms, complete housekeeping. Penn ave. cars to Rebecca.

ELSINORE SQUARE, 3204—Finely furnished room; rent $10.

FIFTH AVE., 2001—Nicely furnished room, suitable for two gentlemen; private family.

FIFTH AVE., 4706—Desirable furnished rooms, instantaneous hot water; board optional.

FIFTH AVE., 2503—Two furnished rooms, first floor, $10 month.

FIFTH AVE., No. 2562—Nice large room; gas, cheap; furnished.

FILBERT ST., 600, Shadyside—$16—Three rooms; location, society, rooms all first class; references exchanged.

FORBES ST., 3339—Rooms single or en suite, furnished or unfurnished; both gases; elegant location.

FOUR or five unfurnished rooms, second floor, modern conveniences. 7317 Idlewild st.

FORTY-FOURTH ST., 311—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping.

FRANKLIN AVE., 743, Wilkinsburg—Desirably furnished front room, on car line, near station; rent reasonable.

FURNISHED rooms, with or without board. Call or address LIBERTY ROOM RENTING BUREAU, 537 Collins ave. Bell 1397-W, Highland.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS.

City and Suburban.

FRANKLIN AVE., 435, Wilkinsburg, Pa.—Furnished rooms; five minutes from station.

HERMITAGE ST., 7224, Belmar—Comfortably furnished room; every modern convenience; pleasant location.

HILL AVE., 1027, Wilkinsburg—One nicely furnished room, near Swissvale ave. and cars.

KELLEY AVE., 311, Wilkinsburg—Large comfortably furnished front room; steam heat; all conveniences.

KELLY ST., 7309—Large, comfortably furnished front room, suitable two gentlemen; $3 week.

MARION ST., 104, near Fifth ave.—Nicely furnished rooms, reasonable; private family.

NEW GRANT ST., 732½, side entrance—Furnished rooms, $1 to $3 week, near depot.

NORTH CRAIG ST., 225—Very desirable room; all conveniences; electric light.

OAKLAND AVE., 239—Furnished rooms, every convenience, private family; rate reasonable.

OAKLAND AVE., 334, Oakland—Elegantly furnished rooms with use of kitchen.

PENN AVE., 515, Wilkinsburg—Nicely furnished rooms for light housekeeping, all conveniences.

PENN AVE., 2022—Nicely furnished rooms, on car line, near boarding; men only; reasonable.

PEEBLES ST., 642, Wilkinsburg—One furnished front room, all conveniences; private family; gentleman.

PLEASANT room in best part of West Wilkinsburg, with private family, to woman of refinement; $10 monthly; board optional. W 157, The Gazette.

QUINCY AVE., 125, Mt. Oliver—Half square from Suburban cars; nicely furnished room.

ROOMS—Widow with modern flat, location, Fifth ave., will rent furnished rooms; lady employed or gentleman. Address K 197, The Gazette.

ROOMMATE WANTED—Gentlemen for large corner room, two beds, bath, reasonable; references exchanged. 11 Stevenson st., room 9.

ROSS AVE., 1108, Wilkinsburg—Desirable furnished room, modern conveniences; good location, near cars.

ROSS AVE., 413, West Wilkinsburg—Newly furnished room, every convenience, near station and cars.

SHILOH ST., 37, Mt. Washington—Two connecting rooms; will rent separately; all conveniences; near incline on tunnel line.

SIDNEY ST., 1820, S. S.—Large, nicely furnished front room, all conveniences.

SOUTH AVE., 1000, Wilkinsburg—Large, comfortably furnished front room, every modern convenience.

UNION AVE., 509—Neatly furnished rooms for light housekeeping; all conveniences.

WANTED—A couple or two young men to occupy front room. 3422 Forbes st.

WANTED—Young man to share large front room. Call 1833 Fifth ave.

WEBSTER AVE., 707—Large comfortably furnished parlor bedroom, suitable three men; also bedroom and kitchen for housekeeping.

WEST ST., 323, Wilkinsburg—Nicely furnished front room, or two connecting rooms, every convenience; furnace heat, 3 minutes' walk cars and station; terms reasonable.

WEST ST., 412, Wilkinsburg—Furnished room, all conveniences; reasonable; near cars and station.

WOOD ST., 1328, Wilkinsburg—Beautifully furnished front rooms; latest conveniences; Frankstown and Hamilton cars pass door.

East End.

ALDER ST., 5830—Nurses' home vacancies for two people; cozy room, with parlor, piano, 'phone, housekeeping privileges.

ALDER ST., 5830—Nice, cosy rooms; use of parlor, piano, 'phone; for one or two.

AURELIA ST., 6370—Furnished or unfurnished rooms, modern, near East Liberty station; references.

BEATTY ST., 428—Nicely furnished rooms, housekeeping if desired; near Highland ave. cars.

DAUPHIN ST., 5315, near Atlantic ave.—Two elegantly furnished housekeeping rooms; all conveniences.

ELLA ST., 314, off Liberty, Bloomfield—Well furnished room, bath, gas; gentlemen preferred.

FOR RENT—Two connecting rooms, first floor, suitable for doctor's office, or bed room and sitting room. Furnished or unfurnished. Collins ave. Address K 246, The Gazette.

FOR RENT—A few desirable furnished rooms, Dr. Anderson, Ellsworth and Neville.

FURNISHED front room one or two gentlemen, first floor new flat, near Highland cars. Address U 246, The Gazette.

HALE ST., 93, near Frankstown—First flat, newly furnished front room, gentlemen preferred.

HAMILTON AVE., 6926—Nice large furnished front alcove room, every convenience; on car line.

HIGHLAND AVE., 209, South—Nicely furnished rooms; all conveniences.

HOWE ST., 6335—Nicely furnished rooms, with or without board; inst. water heater.

HIGHLAND AVE., 353 South—Furnished front room, suitable for two, reasonable rates.

IDLEWILD ST., 7106, Belmar—Large furnished parlor suitable for doctor's office; private family.

IDLEWILD ST., 7427—Comfortably furnished front room, suitable for 2 men; meals if desired.

LANG AVE., 1023—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping; $14 month; near Frankstown.

LEHIGH AVE., 372, East End—Two large rooms, unfurnished, second floor; suitable for light housekeeping; good location.

LEHIGH AVE., 320—Comfortably furnished room, all conveniences, reasonable; near cars and boarding.

NEGLEY AVE., 112, North—Well furnished rooms, every convenience; good location; private family.

NORTH ST. CLAIR ST., 311—Comfortable furnished front room; desirable location, near all cars.

NORTH ST. CLAIR ST., 529—Comfortable furnished front room; all conveniences; on car line.

PENN AVE., 5111—Neatly furnished front room, one gentleman; board if desired; reasonable.

RIPPEY ST., 5909—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping; every convenience, second floor.

ROOMS—Two nicely furnished rooms, conveniences; light housekeeping or bedrooms. 5115 Liberty st.

SHADY AVE., 206—Nicely furnished second floor room; suitable for lady or gentlemen employed during day; convenient to boarding and cars. 'Phone 45 Highland.

SHADY AVE., 268—Large, bright room; every convenience.

SHADY AVE., 434—Large newly furnished room, suitable for couple; first-class board.

SOUTH HIGHLAND AVE., 125—Delightful furnished room; every convenience; convenient to all car lines.

STRATTON LANE, 12, between Emerson and S. Highland—Newly and beautifully furnished rooms for rent; gentlemen only; private family; with every convenience.

TO LET—One or two rooms with board for adults; fine location; private family. Address P 180, Gazette.

Allegheny.

BOYLE ST., 1212—Newly-furnished room, bath, both gases, suitable for gentlemen; ring second bell.

CEDAR AVE., 804—Neatly furnished second floor front room, all conveniences; for two gentlemen.

CEDAR AVE., 810—Furnished front room, alcove; also hall room, $2 week.

FEDERAL, 1317, Allegheny—Nicely furnished room, second floor, private family.

FEDERAL ST., 1415—Furnished room, complete for housekeeping; $2.50; hot and cold water; gases, bath, laundry.

FURNISHED front room, all conveniences; adjoining Allegheny postoffice; rent reasonable. W. J. Lykins & Co., Second and Market, Pittsburgh.

JACKSON ST., 820—Furnished rooms; all conveniences; cars pass door; 18 minutes' walk from Pittsburgh's business center. Bell 'phone 285-L Cedar.

OHIO ST., W., 207—Neatly furnished rooms, for light housekeeping; all conveniences.

RACE ST., 1215, Allegheny, one block from North ave.—Nicely furnished room for gentleman; new bath; always hot water.

FOR RENT.—FURNISHED ROOMS.

Allegheny.

RIDGE AVE., 707—Large second-story front room, with stationary wash stand, hot and cold water; facing park.

RIDGE AVE., 1135—Couple choice rooms, furnished, light housekeeping or meals.

SANDUSKY ST., 514—Nicely furnished rooms with board; 10 minutes' walk Pittsburgh; all conveniences.

WESTERN AVE., 929—Nicely furnished front room; bath, both gases; housekeeping if desired.

WEST NORTH AVE., 6, Allegheny—Two furnished front rooms for light housekeeping; all conveniences.

WESTERN AVE., 929—Nicely furnished front room for light housekeeping; all conveniences.

FOR RENT.—UNFURNISHED ROOMS.

City and Suburban.

COLTART SQUARE, 218, Oakland—Nicely furnished room; home comforts; use piano; in French private family; 12 minutes city.

EVERETT ST., 4, cor. Hill, Wilkinsburg—Two or three unfurnished rooms; bath, gas.

FIFTH AVE., 2546—Four connecting unfurnished rooms, light, heat, use of bath, laundry.

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East End.

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Ten-room brick house, all modern, 1 minute from street cars; good neighborhood, about 4 years old. Price $8,000.

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FOR SALE.

East End Residences.

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REBECCA ST.—Brick house of 12 rooms with all modern improvements	$13,000
FRIENDSHIP AVE., near Edmond st.—Brick house of 10 rooms, reception hall and all conveniences	9,000
PACIFIC AVE.—Frame house of 9 rooms and bath, and all conveniences	8,000
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FRANKSTOWN AVE.—Brick house of 8 rooms, reception hall, and all conveniences	4,300
PENN AVE.—Brick dwelling of 9 rooms and store room	7,000
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MEAT MARKET	800.00
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MILLINERY STOCK	1,500.00
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ROOMING HOUSE	1,500.00
ROOMING HOUSE	650.00
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ROOMING HOUSE—Located on Arch street, 8 rooms, bath and laundry; rent only $45 a month; four rooms in the house bring in an income of $75 a month. This is a snap; must be sold by Wednesday; price only..............$400

ROOMING HOUSE—Collins ave., E. E.; 11-room house in first-class condition; good carpets, fine piano, all new bedding; rent only $30 a month; price...........$600

SALOON AND RESTAURANT—East Liverpool, O.; clearing $250 to $300 a month; fine fixtures; well furnished; stock of liquors, $2,000; cheap rent and long lease. Price $4,500

GROCERY STORE—Good fixtures, horse and wagon; doing a business of from $150 to $175 a week; rent $30; six living rooms and barn; reason for selling, proprietor in other business; this is an old-established stand and a fine location; ask nothing for good will; will sell dollar for dollar; invoice about $1,200

BUTTER AND EGG STORE—Also handling teas, coffees and canned goods; this is in a first-class business location in Carson st, S. S., doing a business of from $150 to $200 a week; this is an excellent, up-to-date business and everything first-class; clearing from $100 to $125 a month; can be bought at invoice for $600

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BILLIARD, POOL ROOM AND BARBER SHOP—Located in one of our most prosperous towns near Pittsburgh; population 9,000; established three years; this business has cleared as high as $510 per month above all expenses; size of room, 25x62; rent $60 per month; fixtures are all the latest designs and finest in town; requires no experience whatever to run this business; reason for selling, present proprietor retiring; as he owns the building he will give you a lease that is satisfactory; money required, half cash; price.....$2,200

FURNITURE AND CARPET STORE—One of the best established businesses in the city; this business clears from $12,000 to $15,000 per year; one of the partners retiring; one of the best locations in the city; cheap rent and long lease; will sell half interest of this prosperous business for $14,000

MILLINERY STORE—In town with a population of 6,000; established 8 years; rent per month, $16.75; stock will invoice about $1,300; best of reasons for selling, and an investigation means business; only store of the kind in the town; all good, established trade; if sold by Saturday will go for $750

DRUG STORE—This place is doing at the present time $600 to $700 a month, and in the summer about $1,200; place is finely fitted up; has oak fixtures and is strictly up-to-date, first-class drug store; located 15 miles from Pittsburgh; 5-year lease; rent $20, with five living rooms and office; this place can be bought at invoice, about $2,500 to $2,800; reason for selling on account of the owner having asthma; clearing $300 a month.

GROCERY STORE—One of the best locations in the E. E.; stock and fixtures will invoice about $400; doing a business of about $100 a week, all cash; two living rooms and store room; rent $25 per month; must be sold by Monday. Price $400

ROOMING HOUSE—This is a snap; 8 rooms, 5 completely furnished; rent only $32.50; house at the present time brings in $68 a month, which can be increased; this house cost $500 to furnish as it is today; must be sold by Saturday; if you are thinking of buying a rooming house you will surely buy this. Price only.........$150

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BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY—Leading stand in splendid nearby town, 20,000 population; well located and completely equipped with first-class equipment for manufacture of all baking products, ice cream, confectionery, etc.; an old-established business, which has made present owner a neat fortune; other business demands sale. Price, complete, $5,000. Would take good improved property in exchange.

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FOR SALE.

Business Opportunities.

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FIVE AND TEN-CENT STORE—Prominently located in the E. E.; moderate rent; doing $25 a day business; good, clean, bright, up-to-date stock; good fixtures; owner wants to make a quick sale and will sell stock at invoice and charge nothing for fixtures; price around $850

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ANYONE having horses, vehicles or harness of any description to sell will find ready sale for them at our regular auction sales every Tuesday; next sale December 20. Pittsburgh Horse & Mule Exchange.

ONLY two of the large box stalls left at the Powderhouse Boarding and Training Stable, Beechwood boulevard, near Schenley park; rates reasonable. Call or address W. O. Wakenight.

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Wanted for our regular Monday auction. Anyone having anything to dispose of can find ready sale here.
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North End Sixth St. Bridge,
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HORSES! HORSES! HORSES!
Just arrived, one carload of extra good draught horses, weighing from 1,400 to 1,800 pounds. Also some good second-hand horses weighing from 1,000 to 1,600 pounds, which I will sell cheap. Owen Fitzsimmons' Sales Stables, 410-412 Duquesne way.

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One-horse coach top wagon, almost new; cheap.
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200 HEAD of all classes of horses will be offered at our next Tuesday's auction sale, December 20. Pittsburgh Horse & Mule Exchange.

SLEIGHS—SLEIGHS—SLEIGHS.
For sale cheap, speed sleighs; new and second-hand, at Thubron's, 7 Montgomery ave., Allegheny.

FOR SALE.
A pair of brown geldings, matched team, 16 hands high, 2,400 pounds.
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North End Sixth St. Bridge,
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FOR SALE—A good team of mules; also fine, gentle horse, suitable for doctor. 12 Shelby st., Eleventh ward, city.

VERY fast black pacing sleigh horse, or will trade for good gasoline automobile. Address S 198, The Gazette.

FAIR express wagon, $12. S 198, The Gazette.

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PIANO PHILOSOPHY.
I have been intending to buy a piano some day—I will buy it now. I want a good piano, at a fair price, and I will not pay a fancy price for fictitious value. To buy a piano at the right price I must find a dealer who will treat me equarely, and who is situated to sell close.
To sell close a dealer must have a moderate rate of expense. High rent, heavy advertising, high-priced salesmen, extravagant establishments, etc., etc., all make a high rate of profit. I will not be led by sensational advertising to investigate unreasonable offers which are made for the sole purpose of getting me into the store and into the hands of designing salesmen who may deceive me into buying what I do not want.
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FOR SALE.

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Unredeemed solitaire diamond ring, set in Tiffany mounting, pure white and absolutely perfect; this stone is a gem; original cost $75.00; will sell for.........$34.00

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Unredeemed pearl pendant, set with beautiful solitaire diamond in center; all genuine pearls, set in 14-k solid gold mounting; original cost $42.00; will sell for......$15.00

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THE THREE RIVERS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—At 6 p. m. today the Ohio river at Cincinnati was 5.2 feet and river was rising. The gorges below the city have caused a false rise in the river. The gorge at Four mile bar and Coney island were still holding late last night, and showed no signs of breaking. The gorge which stretches from Medoc bar to Sedamsville was still holding last night with no prospects of a break. The ice in front of the public landing was very light today. Business on the landing was at a standstill. Weather, warmer and cloudy, growing colder.

GREENSBORO.—River 5 feet 5 and stationary. River closed. Weather cloudy and warmer.

OIL CITY.—River 2 feet 1 inch and rising. Weather cloudy and milder.

WARREN.—River frozen. Weather cloudy and cold.

GALLIPOLIS.—River 2 feet 5 inches and falling. Weather showery.

PARKERSBURG.—River 1.7 feet and stationary and frozen. Three inches of snow fell this morning. Tonight the weather is warmer and rainy.

MORGANTOWN.—River 5 feet 4 inches and closed. Weather cloudy and warmer.

WHEELING.—River 18 inches and stationary. Cloudy with rain.

LOUISVILLE.—River stationary. In canal, 2.6; on falls, .4; below locks, 3.4. Cloudy and cool.

STEUBENVILLE.—River 2 feet 2 inches and frozen. Weather cold; snowing.

The stage of water at Davis Island dam at 9 last night was 1.6 feet and the river was stationary.

Land Trust Company Has Handsome Quarters

Hundreds of friends of the Land Trust Company gathered yesterday for the formal opening of its new-old building at 315 Fourth avenue. Substantial business men familiar with the outlines of the old Commercial National bank were amazed not a little at the change which has been wrought in the building. From a dark, poorly-arranged building with many stuffy rear offices that resembled dungeons, the building under the direction of Architects Struthers & Hannah, has been made over into one of the finest banking and office homes in the state.

The improvements were planned when the Land Trust Company, then the Land Title and Trust Company, bought the property from the Colonial Trust Company in August, 1903, for $300,000. Work was started last April and since then the company has worked under the greatest disadvantage owing to the confusion and debris in the building. The front portion of the building was made over only on the inside, but the rear part, over 100 feet long, had to be built up from the foundations.

The room shown in the accompanying illustration is 30 feet wide and 140 feet long. Its dome shaped ceiling is nearly 40 feet above the floor. Although the first floor contains only 4,200 square feet of space, the company has provided 1,700 feet more by making a spacious balcony around the rear half of the room. This not only affords desk room for over 30 persons but also adds greatly to the architectural effect of the whole. The walls and ceiling are finished in light blue and buff, with gold trimmings. From the ceiling are suspended powerful Nernst lamps which light the whole room. Nine private offices and the director's room, with the banking quarters, take up one side of the long room, while the real estate department is located behind a long counter on the other side. The office fixtures are of mahogany and give the big room a rich appearance. The title department, one of the company's best assets, has commodious quarters on the balcony. In all 57 people are employed in the banking, trust, real estate and title departments of the company. "Roomy, light and beautiful" was the verdict passed by the company's many friends yesterday.

The officers of the Land Trust Company are: President, W. J. Griffith; vice presidents, S. M. Willock, John N. Dunn and W. W. Giffin; secretary and treasurer, J. S. Rodgers; manager of real estate department, S. W. Gault; assistant secretary, Thomas Ritchie; assistant treasurer, W. C. Zeigler; search officer, John A. Shoemaker; directors, W. J. Griffith, John N. Dunn, J. P. Buchanan, J. B. Jones, F. B. Elliott, S. W. Gault, W. W. Giffen, George Davidson, S. M. Willock, Thomas Reynolds, F. R. Stoner and H. H. Willock. Mr. Dunn is manager and Mr. Shoemaker assistant manager of the title department.

Scotch Girls Cleaning Herring at Lowestoft.

HERRING HARVEST IS A LARGE ONE

Four Hundred Million Caught by the Yarmouth Fishermen This Season.

DEFT GIRLS PACK THE CATCH

(Special Correspondence to The Gazette.)

YARMOUTH, Dec. 6.—Just now everybody connected with the herring fishery at Yarmouth and Lowestoft is happy. The harvest is plentiful, millions of herrings being received daily from the numerous fishing craft. Indeed, some 400,000,000 herrrings have been taken during the present year by the English and Scotch boats since the season commenced in May.

Each of these boats carries from 150 to 200 nets, 30 yards wide by 18 or 20 yards deep. The nets are thrown overboard at night and drawn in at daybreak.

A good catch is 10 lasts, though 17 and 18 have been taken in a night. It must be remembered that, though a last is nominally only 10,000 fish, it is really 13,200, for a hundred counts 132. Twelve and fifteen hundred last, representing 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 herrings, are sometimes landed at the wharf in a single day, and they are all sent off by night. They are cleaned and packed by Scotch girls, who receive six-pence for every barrel they fill. The work is hard, and when once the fish are in hand it has to be carried on to a finish, however late the hour, for the herrring is a very perishable article. The girls often cut their hands in gutting the fish, and the salt with which they have to work makes the wound exceedingly painful. But a brighter, healthier set of workers than these herring lasses it would be difficult to find.

They work in crews of three—two gutting the fish with a small knife, which they use with extraordinary deftness, and the third packing the fish with salt in barrels. From time to time, as the fish settle down, the barrels are reopened, and more fish and salt are put in.

Scene at Lowestoft Wharf. The Barrels Are Full of Herring.

WILL BUILD NO LIBRARY.

Pilots Deny They Contemplate Such a Movement Here.

Some stranger is said to have been soliciting advertisements for magazine covers on the statement that Harbor No. 25 was about to begin the building of a library and these contributions were to go to that organization. The party carries a letter from Secretary Mackeey of the Harbor, which merely authorizes him to place magazines, free of charge, in the pilots' headquarters. He has secured about $200 from men along the river front by representing that it was for the benefit of the pilots. All the benefit the pilots are to get out of it is four magazines, in a cover filled with the advertising of the first who have contributed the money. The scheme will cost the party not more than $20 and his profits will be about $175. The pilots wish to announce their authority is withdrawn, as they did not understand the object of the stranger when he secured the letter from Capt. Mackeey.

At the meeting of Habor 25, yesterday morning, a letter was read from W. F. Weible, who served with the ram fleet on the Mississippi during the civil war, asking the support of the organization for the movement to pension the survivors of that fleet. Action was postponed on the matter.

The ice-breakers at Middleport are being repaired by government workmen and the citizens of that town have put in new checking posts along the banks. Rivermen report the people of Middleport as the most wideawake along the river to river front improvements.

In order to prevent the wickets at Davis Island dam from freezing during the winter, the water will be drawn off at intervals. Several years ago the wickets were frozen so tightly the Dave Wood had to be engaged to batter them down when a rise came.

Capt. Frank Gilmore, who has been living on his boat for several months, at Middleport, was a visitor at the Harbor yesterday.

Walter Branch, who has served as a telegraph operator at Middleport for 25 years, has won the thanks of the rivermen for his kindness and promptness in delivering messages to them when on their way up or down the river.

Guilty of First Degree Murder.

TOWANDA, Dec. 17.—Charles Johnson, on trial for the murder of his brother's wife, Maggie B. Johnson, was tonight found guilty of murder in the first degree. A new trial will be asked for.

THOUGHT WOMAN A RUSSIAN SPY

Miss Eugenie Ulrich of New York, a Catholic Writer, Arrested.

SAVED BY STATE DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Miss Eugenie Uhlrich, a well known Catholic writer, and a lecturer before the Champlain Summer school, was arrested recently at Limoges, France, as a Russian spy. She is the secretary of the Guild of the Infant Savior, the charitable organization that takes care of the Catholic half of all the stray babies picked up in this city, and of which Mrs. Robert McGinnis of 40 East Seventy-sixth street is the head.

Mrs. McGinnis said that she had just received word from Miss Uhlrich that it was only through the prompt action taken by cable by the state department at Washington that she was saved from deportation.

Miss Uhlrich is a native of Galena, Ill., where her father was an old neighbor of Gen. Grant. In September Miss Uhlrich went abroad, intending to make some postgraduate studies at Oxford and do other work there for a short period.

Met a French Sister.

While there she met one of the French sisters of Notre Dame, whose convent at Limoges, France, had been closed and the inmates exiled to England.

This sister told Miss Uhlrich that the school for young women attached to the convent was being kept open under lay direction, and that they were very much in need of a teacher who could give instruction in English. Miss Uhlrich, who speaks French and German as well as English, was persuaded to go to Limoges and take up for a time the place of instructor in English and German at the school.

For the first week or two everything seemed destined to make her stay agreeable. Then, on November 10, she received a summons to appear before a local official.

At his office she was informed that the government had reason to believe that she was a Russian spy, of whom there were a number known to be wandering about the country, pretending to be Americans. She unfortunately had neglected to get a passport before leaving New York, and the investigators declined to accept the evidence of such letters and papers as she could produce.

They were politely incredulous of all her explanations, and told her that she must consider herself under surveillance, and that unless she could formally establish her identity within 10 days she would be ordered to leave the country as a spy.

Terrified at the prospect and knowing no one in France to whom she could appeal, as a last chance she wrote to Mrs. McGinnis, here in New York, asking her to forward the necessary documentary identification.

"When I got the letter," said Mrs. McGinnis, "I saw that there was no time to be lost. My daughter was, fortunately, in Washington on a visit, so I got her on the telephone and told her Miss Uhlich's story, directing her to see the authorities there and put the cable at work.

"After seeing the French ambassador and Solicitor Penfield of the state department she finally got to Assistant Secretary Loomis, who, after hearing the story, told her not to worry any more, that he would attend to the case immediately.

"He at once cabled to the American representative at Limoges: 'Reported here that Eugenie Uhrich, an American citizen, is arrested as Russian spy. Investigate and report immediately.' That settled the business. Here is Miss Uhlrich's letter, dated November 27, in which she tells about it.

Summoned Before Magistrate.

"She was summoned again," she says, "before the local magistrate and concluded that her time had come and that she would be deported, as she had not heard from New York. To her delight, however, she found there the American vice commercial agent, M. Jouhannaud, the commercial agent, Walter Griffin, being temporarily absent. He was fortified with the state department's cable dispatch. Apologies for the mistake were profuse, and she has not since been molested.

"We have reason to believe that she was denounced to the government by one of the Combes secret service agents, who are spread all over France since the government war on the Catholic schools began in the hope that her arrest and deportation as a Russian spy might further cripple the convent school at Limoges."

OHIO GIRL SUCCESSFUL IN OPERA IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Miss Roxy King of Alliance, O., has been engaged by the Royal opera houses at Berlin and Wiesbaden for the season of 1907. She has never sung professionally in the United States and has resided for several years in Berlin. Miss King is now singing with much success at the Theater Des Westens with whose management she has a contract to the end of the season of 1906.

SEASONED VETS FLED FROM POST

Were All Class A Soldiers, but They Could Not Stand for Shaver's Antics.

THE ENTIRE TROOP DESERTED

D troop was stationed at Camp Gila and the troop commander was also in command of the post. Gila was a two-company post, but M troop had received a moving commission in the spring, and was scouting somewhere down along the Sonora line.

The captain of D troop was a fine man, a splendid soldier—never was a better one—but strong drink had gotten the better of him. The men, though, didn't think any the less of him for that, although they felt sorry for him.

D troop's first lieutenant was on staff duty at department headquarters. As he was a millionaire's son he was kept there and the troop hadn't seen him for years. The second lieutenant was a little shaver, fresh from West Point, and it was this Johnnie-Come-Late that caused all the trouble. When the captain died, which he did one night just at "taps," the shaver took command of the post and began to raise perdition at once.

A pretty gulpy lot we were when we laid the captain in the hole in the sand and fired three volleys over him, for we had lost a good friend and we knew it. Often when he was officer of the day and I was humping my guard post in the middle of the night, I've taken him to headquarters, led him by the arm, and he would never say a word, but submit like a child. He'd be prowling around in the dark, not able to take care of himself.

Shaver Started the Trouble.

But he was a fine man, an athlete, too, until drink sapped his vitality. He was fair with us privates, and fought our battles at department headquarters. He would not permit any person to be imposed on and as near as men can go to loving a fellow-man, the members of the troop loved their captain.

The little second lieutenant took command of the post and ordered drills twice daily. He doubled the post, and that of course doubled the guard. He inspected the laundress' quarters every Sunday morning, something that had never been done before. He came to the stables and compelled us to groom the horses until he could rub his white gloved hand over them without being soiled. He ordered the sutler to sell no whisky to enlisted men without an order from him. He was forever prowling around the barracks and we were standing to attention half our time.

The troop was mostly old hands, only a few men in the lot being in their first enlistment, while this runt of a lieutenant was three months from West Point and knew no more about real soldiering than a coyote knew about astronomy. In less than a week he had half of the troop in the guard house and was having balls and chains made by the quartermaster's blacksmith.

Arrested Jim Molloy.

Jim Molloy was our first sergeant, and one of the best in the army. Jim was in his fourth term. He had served all through the civil war and what he didn't know about soldiering wasn't much, but the little shaver undertook to teach Jim how to run a company. He ordered Jim to turn over to him the company's funds. This Jim refused to do and Johnnie-Come-Late put him under arrest.

That night the members of the troop held a pow-wow. Some were for sending a courier to Prescott to lay a complaint before the department commander, but it would take 25 days before an answer would be received and the company couldn't stand the shaver that long.

Finally it was decided to appoint a committee of three and abide by their decision. Jim Molloy, Jack Burke and the company clerk, Jack Harkins, were chosen, and they retired to the stables to discuss the matter for two hours. At 1 o'clock in the morning the committee reported.

They had decided to evacuate the post and march to Ft. Whipple and report to the department commander. This proposition was put to a vote and carried. Jim Molloy, being first sergeant, took command. The three Mexican packers were routed out and rations packed on mules. The commissary was opened and one hour later the troop was pulling out on the Verde trail.

Shaver in Hot Pursuit.

The troop had gotten as far as North Fork when along comes the shaver of a lieutenant, accompanied by 20 Indian scouts. He was wild and ordered the troop back or they would open fire on it. He cursed Molloy and swore he would have the entire troop sent to the "rock" for desertion. Molloy never looked at him and the troop jogged along. By and by he tears a leaf out of his notebook, writes something on it and gave it to one of the Indian scouts, and the Indian lit out toward Camp Verde.

It was a dispatch to the commandant at Camp Verde to head the troop off. The troop didn't care for that, for the garrison at Camp Verde was all "doughboys" and couldn't head the troop off. The troop made Prescott in eight days and rode up to the adjutant's office. Jim Molloy reported to the post commander, who promptly placed the entire troop under arrest. The post guard house would not hold all the men, and an old barracks was used for a prison.

On the day following the members of the troop were taken before a board of investigation and every man told the same story. The troop was nearly all old soldiers with good records and the old general was sorely puzzled by the situation.

The troop was held for seven days and on the morning of the eighth Capt. Kellogg of the regiment came to the barracks and ordered Troop D to prepare to march. Half an hour later he came back, had the troop fall in, and march to the stables where they were given their kits and ordered to mount. In less than 20 minutes they were headed for Verde. Then they knew they were going back to Gila and that "Old Red Eye" Kellogg was going up to command the post.

When the troop reached Gila the little shaver lieutenant was sent back east to teach tin soldiers what he didn't know about soldiering, in some dinkey military school, and that was how troop D deserted.

TWO FAVORITES BEATEN.

There Were Some Upsets in the Races at Ascot.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 17.—Two favorites, Captanzo in the second and Schohari in the sixth, were the only ones that won at Ascot today, with James J. Corbett at 8, Emperor of India at 5, Bragg at 4 and Heather Honey at 10 to 1, as the others finishing first. Weather clear; track fast. Summary:

First race, 6 furlongs—James J. Corbett, 109, E. Walsh, 8 to 1, won; El Verraco, 110, Treubel, 6 to 1, second; Golden Ivy, 105, Powell, 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:16.

Second race, 5½ furlongs—Captizano, 105, Hildebrand, 3 to 5, won; Fireball, 105, Dugan, 8 to 1, second; West Brookfield, 100, Lynch, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:08.

Third race, Slauson course—Emperor of India, 108, Tooman, 5 to 1, won; Happy Chappy, 100, Lawrence, 12 to 1, second; Dan Collins, 107, E. Walsh, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:10½.

Fourth race, 1 1-16 miles—Bragg, 107, E. Walsh, 4 to 1, won; Elie, 102, Miller, 13 to 2, second; Flo Bob, 107, Hildebrand, 5 to 5, third. Time, 1:48.

Fifth race, Brooks course—Heather Honey, 98, McDaniel, 10 to 1, won; Blue Ridge, 103, E. Walsh, 9 to 1, second; Merwan, 102, Lawrence, 7 to 1, third. Time, 2:05.

Sixth race, Slauson course—Schoharie, 108, Hildebrand, 6 to 5, won; Alamansor, 103, Treubel, 10 to 1, second; Estado, 105, McComas, 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:11¼.

THE INCREASING INTEREST IN BIG REALTY INVESTMENTS IS BEING PLAINLY MANIFESTED

PECULIAR STATE OF REALTY MARKET

Big Bulk of Business, but Deals Are Kept Carefully Covered.

EAST END FLATS ARE BOUGHT

"If the lid were only lifted," has been a frequent remark in realty circles for a week. It may be well that few but brokers and their immediate clients are permitted to know all that is going on in the real estate business or property owners might be harder to deal with than they are now. For if the amount of business that bids fair to be closed up in a comparatively short time were made public now it would form a good foundation for a boom in real estate, and brokers have learned from experience that booms are costly affairs in the end. The past week witnessed a sudden halt in most of the big deals pending. Few sales of importance were announced, a striking contrast to the previous six-day period, which was a record-breaker in the number and amount of the large deals made known. It is not because brokers are not busy that this occurred. Not for a year has the average broker had more buying and selling to attend to. But an unusual degree of caution is being observed in the dealing and this, with the approaching holiday excitement, is prolonging the closing of the deals.

The most striking feature of the market is the increasing inquiry for downtown properties. For months such holdings have not been disturbed by prospective buyers. Now there is hardly a street downtown which has not been canvassed within 10 days for properties that could be sold. Offers are being made freely on all sides and a larger number than usual of these look favorable for early closing. The profits made in recent sales of business properties have stimulated the demand for central locations and the larger volume of business of every kind in sight is putting new energy into men who invest their money with a view to developments that are likely to occur in the next three years. Easier financial conditions are also contributing much to the total of realty sales, for deals that are now put through with comparatively little trouble could not have been financed eight months or a year ago without great difficulty.

Building Conditions Still Unsettled.

The F. W. Dodge Company says:

"The building situation during the past week has offered few developments of interest. The rumors of increased prices of building materials of certain kinds are not substantiated by the actual conditions which exist. It is true that in many cases contractors are looking for wider margins in putting out estimates which is entirely due to precautions necessary at a time when conditions may be regarded as uncertain or unsettled. The difference in these margins, however, is not sufficiently marked to affect projects of ordinary volume. The most successful of the contractors, as a rule, prefer not to take on a large amount of work early in the year, as the chances are much more favorable for profits on that which is started after the situation is clearly defined, both as to market conditions and the attitude of labor. The sudden intervention of severe winter weather over the entire territory has added momentum to the reaction which set in during the early part of the month, and the entire atmosphere has been permeated with a haze of uncertainty, rendering it extremely difficult to forecast what is in store for the immediate future at least. It appears to be a case again of the speculative markets casting their peculiar influence over other commercial affairs, foremost of which are the construction interests. It is not idle, by any means, to say that there are few good reasons why the horizon should not clear perceptibly within a fortnight and that following shortly thereafter a state of affairs be ushered in more in keeping with what late fall indications gave promise.

"The total amount of new building and engineering enterprises for which contracts have been awarded throughout Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, for the week ending December 14, as compiled from Dodge reports, approximates $872,000, against $766,000 for the week preceding, or a total for the year thus far of $67,661,000. The figures for the same week last year were $690,000, showing an increase this year of $182,000."

East End Apartments Sold.

Through the Land Trust company another East End apartment house has been marketed for $15,000. The deal was handled by W. B. Rath, who sold the building for George H. Shickler to a local investor. This is the last apartment house Mr. Shickler has built and but recently completed. It is a three-story brick structure on 50x120 feet facing on the east side of Millvale avenue, near Friendship avenue, Twentieth ward. The 12 suites contain three and four rooms each and the total rental is $4,300 a year.

James H. Thompson has sold through the office of J. A. Young & Co. the property of Anna W. Wallace at the southwest corner of Callowhill and Mellon streets, Nineteenth ward, for $13,000. The buyer is Mrs. Annie R. Holder, who will occupy the property as a home after April 1. The residence is a 14-room brick house with all modern improvements and stands on 54x110 feet.

New Warehouse for Eighth Street.

The site in Eighth street occupied so long by the Home for Working Girls will be improved with a warehouse in the near future. D. H. Wallace, the owner of the property, has had plans prepared by Architects George S. Orth & Brothers, and bids are being taken. Two buildings are contemplated, one of eight and one of four stories. Which one will be erected depends on the estimates. The lot is 74x100 feet and the building will be of the slow-burning construction. If the bids are favorable, work will be started early in January.

This project is another evidence that Pittsburgh needs more good warehouses and that they pay the owners well. Mr. Wallace already has a tenant for a large part of the building he intends to erect, and this is the case with a good proportion of the warehouses built lately. They are leased to the most desirable class of tenants long before they are finished. Both the Keenan warehouses now going up in Penn avenue, near Ninth street, are leased. The "twin" warehouses of Hartje Brothers and C. Sunstein & Sons, in Second avenue, were rented before they were completed. No class of buildings in the downtown section is rented up nearly so well today as the good warehouses and most of them pay a revenue of 6 per cent or more net on the investment.

Pittsburgh's Tunnel Not Appreciated.

Pittsburgh might well take a good lesson from the results that have followed the opening of the subway tunnel in New York. What is termed a "frenzied real estate boom" is now on in the Bronx. It is directly attributable to the opening of the tunnel and the consequent sale and resale of four large estates which had been held out of the market for generations. Other smaller properties have been sold and helped to swell the total of lots which have been put on the market since October 9. People from the congested quarters of Manhattan island rushed to buy home sites in what had hitherto been country, but which is now within easy distance of the city's heart by the new tunnel. Lot sales have been more rapid, it is said, and profits more satisfactory to all concerned than in any other real estate proposition ever offered around the metropolis.

"Frenzied booms" are not to be encouraged. But the cause which produces such a buying movement as that in the Bronx may have a counterpart in other cities. The subway tunnel is of no more importance to New York than the Mt. Washington tunnel to Pittsburgh. Room for building in Pittsburgh is and has been for years at a premium. The opening of the tunnel puts hundreds of acres of the most desirable home sites within from 10 to 20 minutes' ride of Fifth avenue. And yet comparatively few people in Pittsburgh have begun to "sit up and take notice" of the immense possibilities of the big district beyond Mt. Washington. True, most of the properties plotted have been closed out and many resales have been made at good profits. But the real meaning of the tunnel to Greater Pittsburgh is not appreciated by the majority, and it will not be until hundreds of houses are built there next year that the possibilities of the place in a real estate way are brought home to the minds of thousands of home buyers and speculative builders.

Farm Selling Is Brisk.

December is not regarded as the best farm-selling month in the year by any means. But the inquiry and sales of country properties so far this month are enough to show that brokers who cater to this line of real estate will have abundant cause for Christmas joy. If the activity continues, as it bids fair to do, the season will last to March, and will in all probability show a larger total of sales than any corresponding period for years.

Last week the Mills-Stangenbout Company sold for James White, clerk of courts in Harrison county, Ohio, to David Handley of Pittsburgh a farm of 160 acres near Emlenton, Butler county, Pennsylvania, for $22,500. The farm is an exceptionally choice one, having on it a modern frame house of 15 rooms, four large barns and good outbuildings. There are over 2,000 fruit trees on the property. It also has four oil wells and a good gas supply. The owner has already taken possession.

Murray Bros. sold for the Rogers heirs and J. Wilson of Missouri to a Youngstown capitalist a stock farm of 405 acres in Vienna township, Trumbull county, Ohio, for $15,000. The property is known as the old Holliday farm and is seven miles from Youngstown. It will be used for stock and dairy purposes.

Through the office of A. C. McComb & Co., J. H. Fisher sold to W. S. Cook a farm of 71 acres near Brookville, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, for $3,000; for Mrs. O. C. Walker of this city to Thomas & Agnew of Swissvale a farm of 23 acres near Corsica, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, for $3,000; for James W. Gibson of Oil City to W. F. Vogel of Emsworth a farm of 86 acres five miles south of Clarion for $2,000.

Neill & Blacksiee, who have offices in Oakmont, Pa., and Ashtabula, O., report the demand for farms near the latter point to be excellent. Farm sales in Ashtabula county made through brokers during the month of November amounted to $14,000. The best farms have the call in market.

Good Exchange Deal Closed.

The Aronson-Friedman Company has closed the sale of the F. G. Stieren property, at 1331-1333 Penn avenue, the buyer being Morris Kaufmann, who paid $50,000 for the lot, 31x100 feet. In part payment for this lot Mr. Kaufmann tendered 80x26 feet at 5072 Forbes street, improved with a 12-room brick house. This property was valued at $25,000. The same firm sold for O. S. Richardson to Ira Aronson a brick house on 20x75 feet in Anderson street for $3,800. They have also been appointed sole agents for the G. W. Ihmsen estate, consisting of 18 houses in Allegheny and a business block in Frankstown avenue.

Hill district: The Aronson Realty Company sold to Morris Rose 66 Marion street, a six-room brick house on 23x103 feet, for $4,000; for B. Levy to Samuel Brukoff 44 Miller street, a brick house on 40x125 feet, for $3,800; for I. L. Aronson to Morris Scholnick 1425 Bluff street, Sixth ward, a 13-room stone front house on 24x50 feet, for $7,000; for P. H. Pflaum to Jacob Goldman an eight-room brick house on 20x122 feet in Roberts street, near Center avenue, for $5,000. The same company has leased to Friedberg & Castleman, cloak manufacturers, a three-story brick building in Fifth avenue, near Stevenson street, for two years at $2,250 a year. They have also been appointed exclusive agents for the Minns Davis estate, including properties in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Nineteenth wards.

Sales on New Tunnel Line.

Mt. Lebanon: The Mt. Lebanon Land and Trust Company sold to Robert L. Kelley of the office of Rutan & Russell, lot 17 in its Clearview allotment. Mr. Kelley will build a $7,500 house. Another house to cost $4,500 is being built at Cedar boulevard and Florida avenue, Clearview, by Miss Sarah Poindexter. The Mt. Lebanon exchange of the Central District and Printing Telegraph Company will be in operation tomorrow, putting the entire Mt. Lebanon district in close communication with the city and suburbs.

Lebanon Heights: The Freehold Real Estate Company sold in its Lebanon Heights plan to Annie M. Stewart, lot 80, for $580; to George S. Kirkpatrick, lot 81, for $610; to August F. Ober, lots 56 and 57 for $1,220; to R. P. Forsberg, lots 54 and 55 for $1,160. The plan is building up rapidly and a dozen or more houses will be started shortly after the first of the year.

Paul Place: The Paul Land Company sold to Charles Ohlstrom lots 380 and 381 in Paul place for $780; to Ray Hassett, lot 382 for $390.

Exchange Deal of $14,500.

Dalzell place: A. Z. Byers & Co. sold for J. Charles Sander to William S. Miller a cement house on 35x140 feet on the north side of Dalzell place, near Barnsdale street, Twenty-second ward, for $9,500. In part payment Mr. Sander received 38x150 feet on the south side of Northumberland street, near Wightman street, Twenty-second ward, valued at $5,000.

Swissvale: H. W. Klein sold for William C. Rice to H. C. McConley four brick houses on 69x80 feet in Schoyer street, Swissvale, for $6,000. Mr. McConley tendered in part payment four lots, 45x150 feet each, in Chadwick street, Loretta plan, Sewickley, for the same valuation.

Avalon: Beatty & Jones sold for Edward H. Flood to Charles Irwin an eight-room frame house on 125x125 feet in Forest avenue, Avalon, for $5,600.

Knoxville: D. J. Smith sold for the Knoxville Land Improvement Company to John Kunzler a seven-room frame house on 37.5x110 feet at 125 Mathews avenue, Knoxville, for $5,000, and to Otis A. Hollis a lot in Jucunda street, Knoxville, for $1,250. The same company sold to W. H. Werner a house in Lillian street for $1,800.

Ingleside: John Armstrong, with the Union Realty Company, sold for William Watson Smith to H. A. Horne, lot 36, facing 25 feet in Graham street, Ingleside, for $855.

Sharpsburg: Seidel Brothers sold for Margaret Bradberry to L. O. Seidel, 30x125 feet on the north side of Middle street, near Eighteenth street, Sharpsburg, for $1,500. The lot will be improved with a $6,000 brick house.

Scattering Realty Deals.

Sheraden: A. C. McComb & Co. sold for J. C. Demarest to C. D. Bennett a frame house on 25x100 feet in Sheraden borough for $4,000.

Mt. Washington: The South Hills Trust Company sold for E. M. Graner to a local investor a 12-room brick house on 50x100 feet in Grandview avenue near Kearsarge street, Mt. Washington, for $8,250; for Robert Sterrett to Mrs. Holleran a frame house on 25x97.5 feet in Lelia street, near Boggs avenue, for $2,000.

Amabelia street: J. N. Kidney & Co. sold for J. Morgan to Mrs. E. O'Hara, 212 Amabelia street, a frame house on 25x100 feet, for $2,500.

West Liberty: James A. Griffith sold for Peter F. Wagner to Joseph A. Cook a frame house of 30x100 feet in Seventh avenue, West Liberty, for $4,200.

Mt. Lebanon: H. F. Newton sold for George Hagenlofer to George Hover a lot in West Liberty avenue, Mt. Lebanon, for $1,000; for M. Carrigan to M. T. Mallon, two lots at Mt. Lebanon for $600; for the Freehold Real Estate Company to Conrad Sauer, lot No. 128 in West Liberty avenue for $720; through M. P. Howley & Son to M. Schmitcher the McClellan Murray property, one acre and seven perches, in West Liberty avenue.

Bates street: T. M. Barber sold to Maria Pugliese an improved lot 28x100 feet in Bates street, Fourteenth ward, for $5,800.

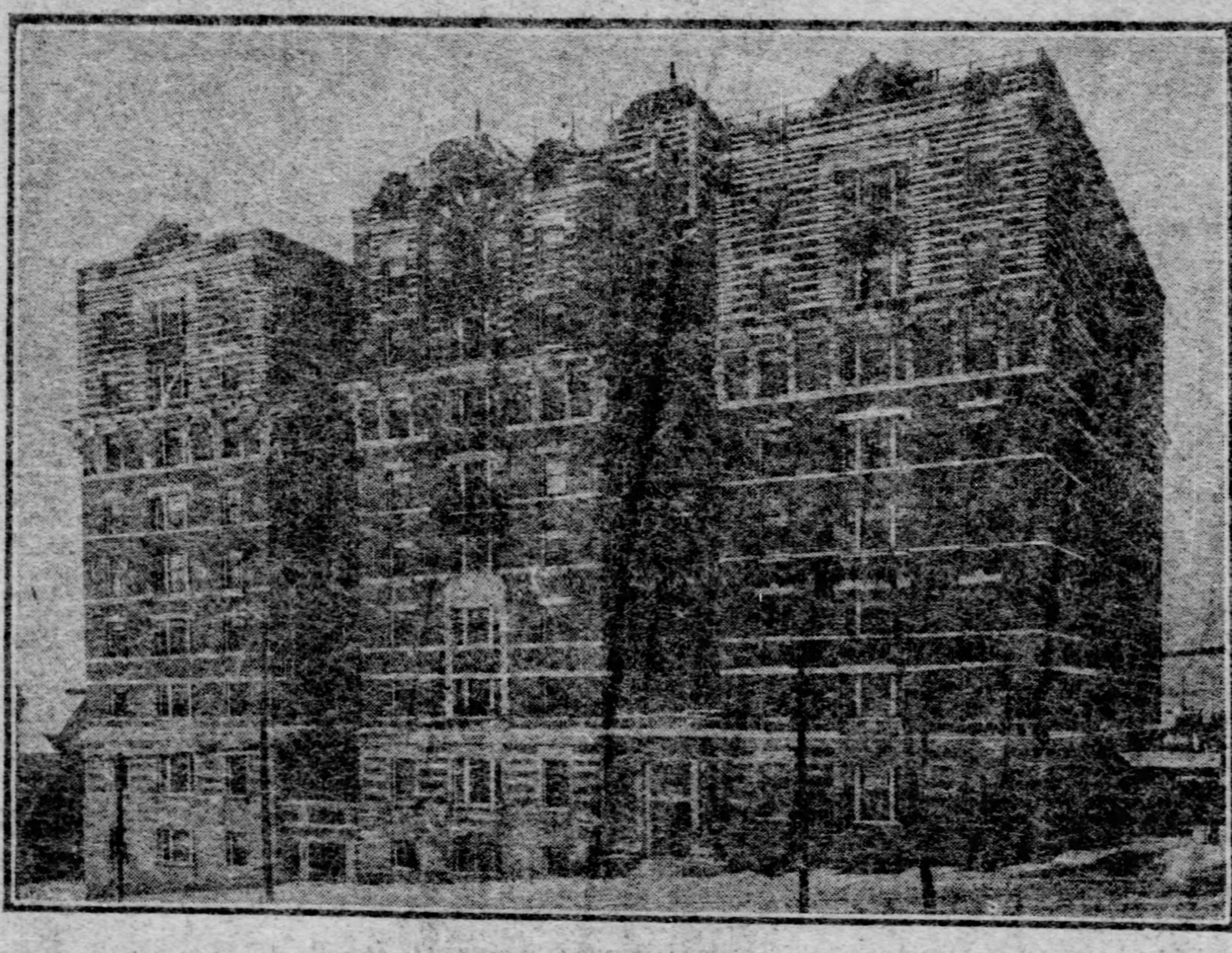
Carson street: William J. Richards sold to Frank B. Maloy an improved lot 24x100 feet in Carson street, Twenty-ninth ward, for $2,900.

Race street: Charles T. Mahaffey sold to Levi T. Wilson an improved lot 29x66 feet in Race street, Twenty-first ward, for $5,200.

Charles J. Tener, formerly of the firm of B. R. Faulkner & Co., incorporated, and one of the best known business opportunity men in the city, has started in that business for himself at 415 Fourth avenue.

Transfers Recorded.

Valley Realty Co to First Church U Brethren, Dec 3, Wall, 90x74, Versailles ave	$ 1,950
Slocum A N to Ida F Ullery, Dec 2, Robinson twp, 50x125, Princeton ave.	7,400
Matthews H F to Caroline Hannon, Dec 12, Carrick, 35x100, Hays ave	4,000
Quinn P J to W McC Hale, Nov 22, Munhall, 28x110, Fourteenth ave	2,700
Chew H M to C F Baxmyer, Nov 15, W Liberty, 37x120, Erny ave	4,200
Kessler J P Jr to Jno E Potter, Dec 15, 19th wd, Pgh, 57x120, Elgin ave.	5,000
Gangloff C J to A L Richmond, Sept 20, 32d wd, Pgh, 58x120, Virginia ave	4,025
Coyle R J Jr to Pgh Land Co, Nov 14, 22d wd, Pgh, 379x240, Darlington road	38,500
McCurdy H P to Frank E Davis, Sept 16, Ben Avon, 40x122, Watt ave	4,735
Sharpsburg Pres Ch to Rt Rev R Phelan, Oct 12, Sharpsburg, 85x152, Main st	4,000
Way H S to Thos Watson, Dec 15, 14th wd, Pgh, 18 lots, Dean's plan	70,000
Watson Jno R to A E J Cochran, Dec 13, 10th wd, Alleg, 47x126, Perrysville ave	2,750
McGinley J to J B Tague, Nov 29, Brackenridge, 40x138, Nelson st	2,700
Douglass J D to Jno Gilchrist, Dec 1, N Versailles twp, 5 acres	4,700
Emery Geo T Tr, to L C Staab, Nov 26, 26th wd, Pgh, 22x60, Mary st	1,850
Morgan W J to S D Torrance, Dec 15, 19th wd, Pgh, 36x120, Sheridan ave	8,500
Pgh Trust Co to Mary C Lamb, Dec 14, 37th wd, Pgh, 25x93, Idlewild st	1,100
Davenny J E to Frank H Bole, Dec 14, Bellevue, 50x150, Dawson ave	7,000
Golden S to H Rosenstein, Dec 17, 6th wd, Pgh, 22x115, Erin st	7,000



Bellefield Dwellings at Center and Bellefield Avenues.

OF VALUE TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND THEIR PATRONS

Below are given the price records in real estate as established by the leading sales of the week ended December 17:

Location.	Size.	Improvements.	Front ft.	Sq. ft.
Trenton avenue	40x120	3-story flat,	$ 625	$ 5 20
Woodland road	100x200	Vacant,	175	......
1023 Fifth avenue	22x106	Brick store,	1,273	12 00
Negley avenue	120x146	Vacant,	175	......
Pike and Twenty-first streets	120x 52	Old buildings,	433	8 33
643 Liberty avenue	20x 88	3-story brick,	5,500	62 50
Ivy street	30x100	3-story flat,	833	8 33
Millvale avenue	50x120	3-story flat,	900	7 50
North Craig street	12.5 acres	Residence,	9,200 an acre.	

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE IN FLATS

Popularity of This Mode of Living Shown by Number of Apartment Houses.

FEATURES OF THE SITUATION

Six years ago apartment houses were practically unknown in Pittsburgh. Today it is estimated that nearly 10,000 people are enjoying life as best they may in "flats." Over 300 buildings in Greater Pittsburgh have more or less claim to the name "apartment house," although it must be admitted many of them are still far from the model home clusters that are to be found in other cities. The growth of the "flat" idea has, nevertheless, been almost phenomenal, and today the demand for dwellings of this sort is harder to satisfy than ever before.

Previous to 1898 speculative building in Greater Pittsburgh was confined to houses and a few small business blocks. When George H. Shickler built the Mathilda flats, in Mathilda street, East End, it marked the beginning of the flat building era. All sorts of predictions were made concerning the seemingly rash venture. The people of Pittsburgh wanted homes of their own, it was urged. Flats, no matter how comfortable and convenient, would never become popular, people said, for they afforded none of the independent life that the average Pittsburgher and his family demanded. They would never do for families with children, was another point raised against the new kind of homes. Permanent settlers could never be induced to locate in apartment houses, it was thought.

False Notions Thoroughly Exploded.

Rents would be no cheaper, it was argued, and other expenses, incurred because of the desire to keep pace with one's nearest neighbors, would increase, was another bugaboo that was hurled at the man who contemplated building flats. And last and most forceful was the derisive explanation that families could not be grouped in clusters as proposed without destroying the peace of the entire community. It had been tried successfully in other cities the stubborn faction admitted, but Pittsburgh people were of a different sort and it wouldn't do.

No other false conception of city life has been dissipated so rapidly as the notion that people could not and would not live in flats in Pittsburgh. The flat population has doubled and trebled year after year. Objections raised at first long since vanished. In their place have come the arguments that years ago were put forth in other cities to prove that the apartment house was a much wanted addition to the life of a big city. Families which formerly contended that they would never move out of their own homes have sought more convenient quarters in the big apartments that have sprung up all over the city. They are satisfied and so are hundreds of their friends, who have been persuaded to rent flats. For two years, at least, the hardest demand the renting agent has had to meet has been the call for flats—well located, cozy, convenient quarters with all the modern conveniences and a touch of luxury about them.

Wonderful Spread of the Flat Idea.

The wonderful spread of the flat idea has been responsible for unwonted activity in that class of buildings. Three hundred buildings, costing from $18,000 to $500,000, is not a bad record for six years. This does not by any means include all the buildings that are called flats on the average rent list. Of these latter there are hundreds more scattered over the city. Rooms over stores, modernized to meet the demands of flat hunters; big residences remodeled for flats; combination store and office buildings with flats to fill up. These types are to be found in large numbers, all intended to answer in some way at least the demand for flats. Many of them are cheap and poor and command a rental of not over $20 to $25 a month. Others are better than the ordinary suite of rooms to be found in a regular flat building. All are in demand.

But the 300 or more buildings enumerated in Greater Pittsburgh houses have considerable claim to that title as a rule. Nobody can dispute the claim of such structures as the Bellefield dwellings, the Buckingham and the Iroquois to rank alongside the much talked of apartment houses in other big cities where the craze for flat life was well developed before it started here. Millions of dollars have been invested in such buildings in Pittsburgh in the last three years. Previous to that time an apartment house costing over $50,000 was a novelty. Now there can be counted a score or more of apartment houses whose cost runs from $100,000 to $500,000. Such buildings have done much to relieve the prejudice against flat life for their appointments are far superior to those in the ordinary home of the middle classes, and the saving in time and labor they offer is a weighty consideration with most home hunters.

Comforts and Luxuries Provided.

Palace homes, a few of these more pretentious apartments might well be called. Steam and hot water, heat, gas and electric lights, marble halls, domestic laundries, private lockers, public and private dining rooms, offices, club rooms, burglar-proof safes, rich decorations and every convenience that is needed to reduce the worry and work of actual living to a minimum, is provided. Such buildings house a little world. With the comforts and luxuries provided one could live in these buildings for days, even weeks, without feeling any marked inconvenience except the lack of exercise. And when the advantages are considered, the rents asked, from $60 to $150 a month, seem reasonable in comparison with the prices asked for houses that would afford the same conveniences without relieving the tenant of that most troublesome problem, "How am I to get servants?"

Much more numerous and more popular too, are the apartment houses that have been built at a cost of from $40,000 to $75,000. In point of convenience and comfort they compare very favorably with the more pretentious structures. None of the so-called modern conveniences always pointed out with brazen assurance by the renting agent have been omitted in their construction. Then they do not measure up to the more costly buildings in the degree of their elegance. But a big proportion of Pittsburgh people have yet to be educated to the point of paying for elegance for its own sake. And the apartments that can be rented for from $40 to $60 a month have been filled at a rate that attest their popularity.

Apartments Are Successful Ventures.

In Pittsburgh the most successful and popular venture in flat building has been the apartments that can be rented for from $25 to $40 a month. The majority of flat buildings erected the last two years have been of this class. Their cost has ranged from $18,000 to $40,000. While lacking the appearance of elegant luxury afforded in the more costly buildings, they offer a high degree of comfort and have most of the contrivances that go to make city life pleasant and easy for the householder. They outnumber the higher-priced buildings 10 to one and the demand for their quarters is in much the same proportion.

Three wards are conspicuous for the number and excellence of their apartment houses, the Fourteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth. Three buildings in the first named ward stand as the best examples of the high-class apartment houses to be found in Pittsburgh. The Bellefield dwellings, at Center and Bellefield avenues, built by Francis F. T. Lovejoy and Robert C. Hall, and recently completed, are without doubt the finest apartments in the city in many respects. The aim of the builders was to eliminate every feature of so-called "flat life" and they succeeded well. The Buckingham apartments, at Craft avenue and Kennett square, completed something over a year ago, also offer a list of advantages that would stagger the early flat builder and have filled up at a rate that shows their claims to be well merited. The third large apartment house in this ward, the Iroquois, at Forbes street and Atwood street, was built by James J. Flannery in spite of the earnest protests of his friends who believed the venture would be a failure. But the Iroquois is full and has a waiting list of applicants to show that it has been a conspicuous success.

Fourteenth Ward a Popular Locality.

The Fourteenth ward also abounds in just the kind of flats that Pittsburghers want—those that will rent for an average of $35 a month. The location makes flats of this sort in the Fourteenth ward extremely popular and John Dimling, James Hardy, Coll & Totten and others who have chosen this ward as a field of operations, have met with conspicuous success.

The Nineteenth ward has at least a score of buildings which can be called apartment houses. Among them are some of the best structures of that kind in the city, the latest of the larger buildings being the apartments of J. H. O'Donnell at Margaretta and Euclid streets. The maximum rental for flats in this ward is $75, while the average is close to $50 a month.

The Twentieth ward has nearly double the number of apartment houses found in the Nineteenth, although the average cost of the buildings is slightly less. The building of eight suites which rent for $35 and $40 a month each is the type peculiar to this ward. The maximum rent is $65 and few flats can be found in the ward for less than $30 a month. This year a notable addition to the apartment house list is the Shadyside courts, built by the Shadyside Land Company, in Center avenue near Cypress street. The first of the courts, containing 18 suites, has recently been finished at a cost of $65,000 and 10 of the suites are rented. Last week the foundations were started for the second court.

Brushton Has Great Flat Population.

In the Thirty-seventh ward a type of flat building has developed which is very popular. It is the three-story plain brick structure, containing six suites of five rooms each, and costing from $18,000 to $25,000. Nearly 40 such buildings are to be found in the ward.

The old firm of West & Wilson were extensive builders in this line, and Robinson & Bruckman have erected 10 such buildings in that ward in the last four years. Flats of this sort in Brushton rent as low as $20, and few of them bring over $35 a month.

Wilkinsburg is another flat center of much importance. Fully 40 flat buildings have gone up in the borough since 1899. W. M. Brinker built the Colonial, at Rebecca and Hay streets, that year, and was roundly criticised for his financial folly. But the building has been full most of the time since it was finished and has paid for itself in rents. James A. Wilson is another man who has followed flat building very successfully in Wilkinsburg and his flats rank alongside of the best East End apartments. Fifty dollars a month is the top notch price for flats in Wilkinsburg, and the average is close to $35 a month, the figure which has appealed most successfully to the majority of flat dwellers all over Greater Pittsburgh.

Flat Idea Has Firm Root in Allegheny.

The rapidly increasing number of apartment houses in Allegheny is abundant proof that the flat idea has taken firm root there. No part of the city offers so great natural advantages as the North Side and its suburbs. It is nearer to the business district than other flat centers and has the great advantage of the public parks. It is in Allegheny that a new idea in flat building has just been inaugurated—the strictly bachelor flat. So-called bachelor apartments have been built before, but the idea was never adhered to closely until the Knickerbocker apartments, in East Diamond street, were built. Not only do these flats offer all the advantages usually claimed for the modern apartment house, but the unfortunate bachelor who is tired of "rooming" and disgusted with hotel life, finds in the Knickerbocker tastefully furnished rooms, with bed linen and towels provided and the best of janitor and chamber service.

Conditions that tempted speculators to try flat building in Pittsburgh have operated to make the apartment house immensely popular in other large cities. Chief of these is the servant problem. In Baltimore this is given as the chief reason for flat building. Over 5,000 people now live in flats in that city and discerning property owners are fast turning their big residences and old business blocks into flats to satisfy the fast increasing demand. Although there are only 12 high class apartment houses in Baltimore, over 100 large residences have been made over into flats in the last three years.

Other Cities Ahead of Pittsburgh.

Cleveland boasts a flat population of 25,000 people. There are over 900 apartment houses in that city, nine-tenths of which have been built since 1901. Along Euclid avenue, Case avenue and Prospect street where five years ago there was hardly an apartment house to be seen, dozens of corners are now improved with big buildings containing from a dozen to 20 suites.

Chicago has hundreds of apartment houses where Pittsburgh has dozens. State street, Michigan avenue, Dearborn street, the lake front district and the West Side have rows of apartment houses instead of rows of houses. Considering the room the lake cities have in which to spread out, Pittsburgh is logically a much better apartment house center and bids fair to have as large a flat population in a few years.

Although the servant problem has been the chief cause of the movement to the better class of apartments, the popularity of the flat costing from $25 to $35 cannot be ascribed to this cause. Rather the convenience, comfort and cheapness of such flats compared with the poorly located, dingy and dirty houses that are offered for the same rates has been a prime motive in driving home hunters to them. The man with a small family finds it much easier and cheaper to keep house in such a flat than in the average house to be had for the same figure. And it is small families that are wanted by flat owners, as shown by the fact that the average number of persons living in the hundreds of suites over the city would not be three to a flat.

Flats Are Good Investments.

Often the question is raised, Why do flat buildings change owners so often? One reason is that most of them are put up by speculative builders who want to get their money or profit out of them as soon as possible, and hasten to dispose of them and build more. Another reason is that the earning power of flat buildings, many of which net from 8 to 12 per cent, is a strong inducement in the eyes of outside investors, who have been frequent buyers of this sort of property in late years. Flat buildings have figured more in exchange deals, too, than other kinds of property. They are not a drug on the market, as many suppose, or the men who have built them for investment would not continue putting their money and energy into the same sort of ventures year after year. Flats today are in better demand than ever before in this city and the man who studies to hit the popular want in this line is certain to profit by his investment.

Knickerbocker Bachelor Apartments, East Diamond Street, Allegheny.

ELKS WILL PRESENT GIFTS AND GOODIES TO CHILDREN

Christmas Entertainment Will Be Observed in Its Usual Pretty Fashion in the Lodge Rooms.

The Christmas tree entertainment committee of Pittsburgh lodge No. 11, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, are completing their arrangements, as is their usual custom, to give a grand entertainment to the children of the members of the brother Elks who will be present. The children are to be trained by Prof. Robert Thuma in dances and tableaux, in which they are now being drilled. The affair will take place on the night of December 23 at 8 o'clock in Elks' hall, Jumonville street and Fifth avenue. Every child present will receive a gift and ice cream and cake will be served.

During the hour for refreshments there will be a Punch and Judy show for the younger children and sleight of hand performances and a vaudeville show will be given for the older children. During the entertainments in the banquet hall an auction will take place of the articles which have been donated by the members and their friends. This auction will be a unique affair, as all the presents are still tied in their original packages and no one can know the contents. Consequently the buyers are bidding for a pig in a poke and many will be agreeably surprised at the value of their purchases.

Sol Coulson will conduct this portion of the affair and will be chief auctioneer. He will be assisted by William Hahn, Dr. J. H. Wright, Claude Burg. Prof. W. W. McClelland will take the part of Santa Claus. All the children of Elks up to the age of 14 years are admitted free and will receive their presents. To Elks and their friends the admission will be 50 cents each. The entire lodge rooms have been beautifully decorated for the occasion with flags, streamers, foliage, evergreen, wreaths, holly and mistletoe and will present a most handsome appearance throughout.

Will Watch Express Wagons.

Headquarters of the Western Pennsylvania Humane society will be removed to the new building of the Pittsburgh Free Dispensary in Federal street on January 1. Two additional officers have been added to the regular force, and they will watch the streets for overloaded express wagons during the holiday season.

New Shadyside Courts, Center Avenue, Near Cypress Street.

DROPPED THE INVESTIGATION.

Pittsburgh Police Will Go No Farther in the Kate Creda Case.

The police have discontinued their investigation in the case of Kate Creda, the Hungarian girl who was taken off a train at Lorain, O., Friday afternoon. The girl is alleged to have been drugged in this city and sent to Bennie Craw of Lorain to be placed in a disorderly house.

L. Newman of 3338 Second avenue, who is alleged to have sent the girl on receipt of a telegram from Craw, said he had nothing to do with the case. He received the telegram for Joseph Dashier, a Hungarian musician, and whether he sent the girl or not Newman does not know. The police were unable to find Dashier. The police learned the habits of the girl while in this city and they believe she left here knowing where she was going.

New Congregational Church Dedicated.

Special services will be held in connection with the dedication of a new Congregational church at Lindsey, Jefferson county, today. The formal dedicatory service will take place this afternoon, and will be presided over by the Rev. J. Twyson Jones, Ebensburg, who is moderator of the Association of Congregational Churches in Western Pennsylvania. The dedication prayer will be offered by the Rev. Isaac Thomas, New York city, and the sermon preached by the Rev. J. T. Jones. Addresses will also be given by the Rev. James Jenkins, Ebensburg, and the Rev. David Jones, Scranton. The Pittsburgh association will hold its semi-annual meeting in the above new church in April next.

GOV. PEABODY'S CHANCES ARE LOOKING BETTER

Colorado Supreme Court Throws Out Vote of Four More Denver Precincts, Makes Five in All.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

DENVER, COL., Dec. 17.—Chief Justice Gabbert today announced the decision of the supreme court to throw out the entire vote of three precincts of Ward 5 and one precinct of Ward 7 at the late election, on the ground gross frauds were committed in direct violation of the injunction served on the election officials.

The decision does not affect the vote for president and congressmen, but may have an important effect on the governorship. On the face of the returns Alva Adams, Democratic candidate for governor, had a plurality of about 11,000, but the Republican managers assert that when all fraudulent votes are eliminated Gov. Peabody will have a plurality and will be reseated.

Through the action of the court in excluding five Denver precincts from the abstract of returns to date, Republicans will secure a solid delegation in the legislature from the city and county of Denver, and will obtain control of both branches of the legislature which canvasses the vote for state officers.

The Christmas Index.

Among the Christmas numbers of great merit is the issue of The Index, one of Pittsburgh's weekly social and literary publications. Largely augmented in size, every page is filled with entertaining stories and special articles, profusely illustrated in the highest style of the engraver's art. The selection of matter is appropriate to the season, as are also the cuts. The typographical appearance is in keeping with the high standard of The Index.

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It is simply a natural characteristic of the American people to get the best of everything when it is available. That's why there is more Re-Leaf Laxative water consumed in this country than all other kinds of laxative water now on the market put together. It is the best because it is absolutely pure and clean; it is the best because it is a never failing laxative; it is the best because it is pleasant to the taste; it is the best because tens of thousands of instances are known where people who have tried it once have discarded every means they had ever tried, to produce the result desired by taking a laxative. Try it once and see for yourself.

It is on sale at all drug stores and bars in half-pint bottles ("splits") only

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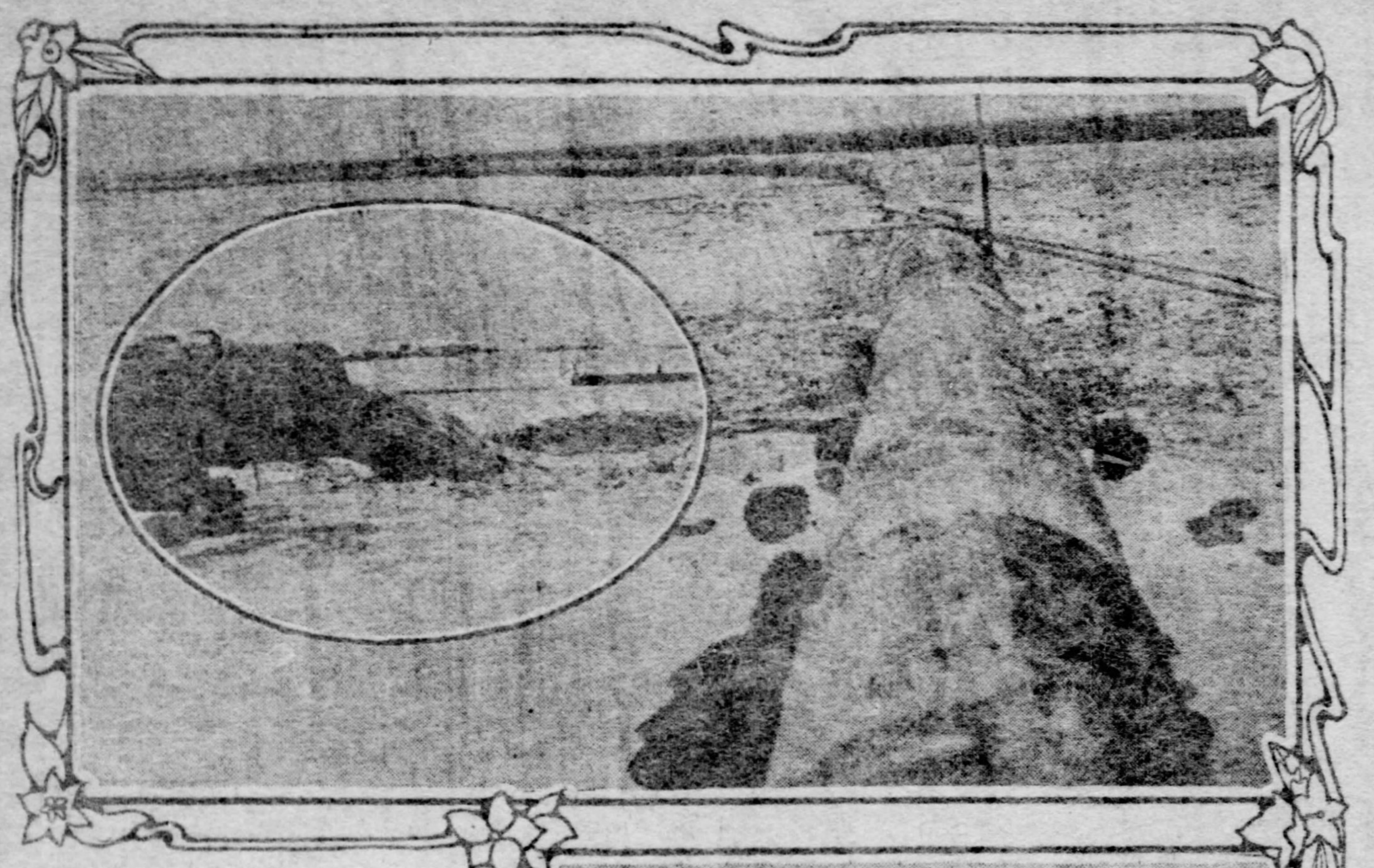
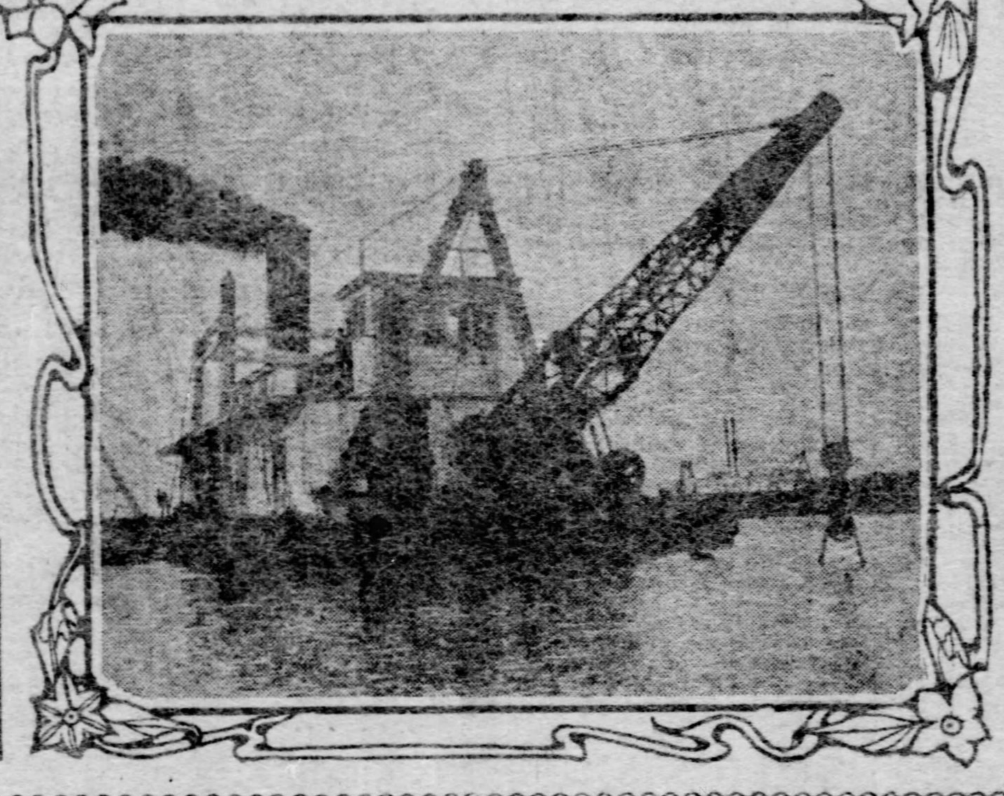
RECLAIMING MARSH LAND AND BANISHING THE MOSQUITO



The large picture shows the pipe leading to the swamps from the dredge, the pipe being 6,000 feet in length. The oval in the upper picture shows the stream being discharged from the pipe. Of this stream about 30 per cent is solid matter. The lower picture shows the dredge, "Pittsburgh," at work.



Former Senator William Flinn and Peter Shields of Pittsburgh, both well known in this city as very extensive real estate operators, have within a few days expressed their growing confidence in the successful development of their Cape May property, which comprises a tract of 3,600 acres adjacent to and within the corporate limits of the city of Cape May N. J.

When Senator Flinn's attention was called to New Jersey seashore property as a financial possibility he, with Mr. Shields, made a thorough investigation of the Atlantic coast, the result of which was that Cape May was finally decided on as the ideal place for founding a new Cape May upon a scale never before attempted in this country. Here was a stretch of two and one-half miles of beach front never built upon, the property extending an average of a mile inland. Various parties were the owners. This property was acquired by what is now known as the Cape May Real Estate Company of which Peter Shields is president and George H. Flinn treasurer, with Senator Flinn having large financial interests.

Originally it was the intention to make this Cape May development purely a real estate proposition. Considerable portion of the tract was below grade and it was planned to fill this by dredging Cold Spring inlet, which bisects the property and which has a narrow entrance from the sea and at no state of the tide having over nine or 10 feet of water. Vessel and yacht owners, and those engaged in general shipping along the Atlantic coast, upon learning what was proposed, asked: "Why not establish a great and much-needed harbor here?"

Like an inspiration came the decision to accept the harbor suggestion and give to Cape May a feature which no other New Jersey seashore resort has, and to the Atlantic coast an inland harbor deep enough and of sufficient area to accommodate the largest vessels afloat. A government engineer while on furlough, without pay, made a careful survey of this section of the coast and found that the projected harbor was entirely feasible. Other competent engineers checked up his work and indorsed his recommendation. Subsequently the Cape May Real Estate Company had constructed one of the largest suction dredges ever built, named it the "Pittsburgh," acquired another by purchase and set them to work excavating a harbor to cover an area of from 500 to 700 acres and have an average depth of 35 feet, with an entrance from the sea 850 feet wide.

It was found that the filling required for the low sections of the property could very advantageously be secured from the marsh area bordering on the inlet by dredge-pumping, and this method has been successfully employed. Recently the Cape May Real Estate Company entered into a contract with the largest dredging company in the country, the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Dredging Company, under which the latter company has assumed entire charge of the dredging operation, employing the two dredges already in use and installing a third within a few days past. The work koes on day and night, except Sundays, and several hundred acres have been brought to grade and will be ready to build on when the winter is over.

Solving the Mosquito Problem.

As the dredging proceeded it was discovered that thereby a very serious problem was being successfully solved, that is, the elimination of the mosquito from Cape May. In dredging all the swampy marsh was removed, thus destroying the breeding places of mosquitoes, as it is an established fact that they will not breed in live water. Prof. John Smith, state entomologist, has for two seasons been at Cape May with an efficient corps of assistants and has directed the work of mosquito elimination, and in his latest report to the governor of New Jersey, says: "There is scarcely another place known to me where so small an expenditure of money will produce so great a result. * * * The work already done by the Cape May Real Estate Company on their territory along Poverty beach has been effective in very materially reducing the mosquito pest at Sewell's Point."

The work of driving out the mosquito pest from Cape May will be pushed to the finish. The state of New Jersey annually appropriates a fund for the prosecution of this work and, in conversation with the managers of the real estate company, Gov.-elect Stokes has promised an increased appropriation for the coming year.

Government Interested in Harbor.

When it was decided to establish an inland harbor at Cape May the project was deemed of sufficient importance to the national government to request congress to provide and maintain the harbor entrance from the sea so as to make the harbor available and to meet the demands of commerce. Ship and vessel owners, the maritime exchanges of Philadelphia and New York, pilots' associations, yacht clubs and private individuals united with the legislature of New Jersey in a memorial to the last congress, urging the necessity of a harbor at Cape May and requesting the government to provide and maintain the entrance. After careful investigation on the part of members of congress the necessity of this proposed harbor was recognized and without a dissenting vote the senate of the United States passed a concurrent resolution providing for the preliminary work on the Cape May harbor entrance.

The house committee on rivers and harbors gave a hearing to those interested and expressed very favorable views with reference to the project. But it was finally decided not to pass any river and harbor bill at the last session of congress and the matter went over, only to be taken up again at the opening of the congressional session this month. Members have said that the project is a very meritorious one and that it especially appeals to them in view of the fact that the great expense of providing the harbor is being borne entirely by private enterprise and that the government is asked to do only a comparatively small amount of work to make the harbor available to the shipping of the Atlantic coast. Congressman Acheson of Washington, the only Pennsylvanian on the committee on rivers and harbors, is deeply interested in this coast improvement.

A Harbor of Absolute Safety.

The Cape May harbor, being entirely land-locked, provides absolute safety to vessels of every description. It is easy of access in times of severest storms, and the proposed entrance is of sufficient width to enable vessels to enter under their own sails and without assistance at any slant of the wind east of north or south, or those that cause heavy seas, thus securing an absolutely land-locked harbor, the water frontage of which is equal to that of New York from the Battery to Twenty-third street, or in Philadelphia from Greenwich piers to Port Richmond, nearly three miles. Provision will be made for docks, coaling and supply stations and a marine railway or dry dock for the making of repairs.

Peter Shields, president of the Cape May Real Estate Company, in discussing the progress of the work yesterday, said:

"We have been pleased with the way this proposition has been received. Shipping men generally have seen that the harbor which we are constructing will meet the needs of vessels along the coast, and have enthusiastically supported the plan.

"Railroad men who recently looked over the territory were enthusiastic in their commendation, and from the local officials at Cape May we have had the heartiest support. Expending, as we are doing, so great a sum to make this harbor, we of course cannot provide an entrance for shipping. That, we feel, is the part of the government.

"But it is there for the government to utilize, and there is no question that it will, if utilized, save many lives and much property."

Great Municipal Improvements.

While the harbor work is progressing rapidly great and important municipal improvements have been completed during the season just closed, involving an expenditure of $250,000. These improvements include the construction of a substantial sea wall, boardwalk and beach drive along the entire ocean front (two and one-half miles) of the company's property, sewage disposal plant, etc. This sewage plant is equipped with electrically-driven machinery and by means thereof all the sewage of new Cape May as well as the present city is being pumped through 24-inch sewer lines completed across country nearly four miles to Delaware bay, into which it is discharged and passes out to sea miles away from Cape May, thus insuring the most sanitary conditions.

Plans are ready for a large up-to-date hotel and pier on the company's property, also for cottages to be erected and to be ready for next season. The laying out and grading of streets will be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible. Sewers will be put down, curbs and sidewalks laid.

Every detail of these vast improvement plans has been very carefully worked out by the most competent engineers, who, recognizing the importance and rare opportunity of taking a great tract of 3,600 acres of virgin property and converting it into a most desirable city site, gave careful study to every essential detail. Their plans provide for a fill of from 11 to 18 feet, the latter grade forming a crown or watershed through the middle of the tract, thus giving natural surface drainage toward the ocean and toward the harbor, and also affording sufficient fall for sewerage purposes in all streets. Seaside resorts in this country as well as abroad were thoroughly investigated in order that their deficiencies and shortcomings might be avoided here and New Cape May be made the model for seashore resorts the world over.

Buster Brown in Real Life

Buster Brown as a Little Dutch Girl.

Buster Brown as a Messenger.

Master Gabriel, the real "Buster Brown" of The Gazette's comic supplement, consented yesterday, after the matinee at the Duquesne theater, to give "the history of his life, and the fact that he tells all about himself will, doubtless, make it the harder for those who see him this week to realize that the little fellow is 21 years of age and not 8. "My name is Gabriel," he began, "and at the outset I must acknowledge the fact that I owe my stage existence to Mr. Outcault and The Gazette. I am 39 inches high and weigh 32 pounds. I am 21 years old and was born in New York city. I lived there until I was 6 years of age, when I went to Paris, where I remained for two years. I afterward returned to Wickford, R. I., with my parents. My father is a ladies' tailor and has a little establishment in that city. I have two grown brothers and two grown sisters who are of the height of the ordinary person. My mother is dead and my brothers and sisters live with my father on a farm near Wickford. I started in the show business four years ago and up to this year have been doing a vaudeville act with my partner, Al Lamar. I have never been with the Lilliputians, M. B. Raymond being the first man to engage me in a play. I was graduated from the common schools of Wickford and speak French and German. I am fond of all kinds of sports and am a good shot with the rifle. I have a pony on my farm and also a safety bicycle that fits me and I am fond of riding.

"People ask me how to account for my smallness. All I can say is that when I was born I weighed a pound and a half and had a large cigar box full of cotton for my bed. I grew a little until I was 12 years old, then I stopped short, never to grow again. I always had to have a special little chair at school and often the boys would sneak me in and out of school. I wear a baby's size shoe and when I buy them I have heels put on them. All of my clothes have to be made to order. I often am asked how I manage to get along in the dressing rooms at the theaters. I have my own room which the company carries and my dresser puts it up for me. It consists of two baby chairs, a little mirror and a small washtand. I have ridden from the Atlantic to the Pacific and seldom have to pay railroad fare. Street car conductors wouldn't think of taking a cent from me. I rather like it."

BURNS' MONUMENT TRUSTEES GET POET'S ANCIENT BIBLE

Thackeray's Notebook Brought Only $110.25, When Sold in London—Contained Pencil Sketches.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

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LONDON, Dec. 17.—Great disappointment was felt throughout Scotland when it became known that the most famous relic of the beloved poet, Burns, his family Bible, had been bought by an Englishman named Quaritch for $7,800.

Scotland is not easily beaten, however, for that Bible has now been acquired by the Burns monument trustees. The sum paid has not so far leaked out.

There is another Burns family Bible extant, the one originally owned by Burns' father, William Burns, which contains the record of the births of his children on the fly-leaf, it is said.

This, too, will shortly find its way into the salesroom.

Thackeray's note book, which was sold this week at Christie's, fetched only 21 guineas ($110.25), despite the fact that it contained several hundred pencil sketches by the author of "Vanity Fair."

Three Killed by Explosive.

MINDEN, HANOVER, Dec. 17.—First Lieutenant Neumann, one non-commissioned officer and one pioneer were killed today as the result of experiments with an explosive.

MISS FAY PRIZES LITTLE IMAGE

Most Precious Relic Is a Budha Given Her By Natives in India.

HOW SHE CAME TO POSSESS IT

Anna Eva Fay is essentially different from other women. One would expect that a woman who has been round and round the world as frequently as she has, and who has lived for months at a time in some of its most interesting corners, would be eternally interlarding her conversations with "That reminds me of the time when I was in Egypt, or India, or Russia," or whatever other spot suggested itself. She is a delightful story teller, and has a remarkable memory for names and geographical localities, but she never impresses one as attempting to pose as a much traveled person, or one who has "seen it all."

Nor does she rave over her "treasures," picked up on travtls, as some women tourists do, although she has some almost priceless curios and mementoes of her sojournings in other lands. The one thing that she prizes above all others is her Little Buddha, and concerning this she makes an exception, and does mention it frequently, for it has become so great a part of her life and interests that she delights in it, and finds pleasure in dwelling on it in her reveries.

Miss Fay's Buddha is a quaintly curious little carven image, made of some strange combination of metal, stone and wood, the fusing of which is known to only one certain tribe in the interior of India. The image is considered as extremely holy by the inhabitants of a large portion of the earth's surface, and with it in her possession, Miss Fay could travel through the length and breadth of India and command a ready obedience from the superstitious.

Where She Found the Budha.

She happened to secure it about six years ago while traveling in the far east. One day, during a stay in Calcutta, she was shopping in one of the bazars of the city, and was attracted into a little room to inspect an unusually rich array of splendid Indian and Persian rugs. The dealer was an Indian of a very unusual stamp, talking English fluently and showing himself a man of great intellectual development.

Anna Eva Fay in Revery Before the Little Buddha.

From Miss Fay's eager questions regarding Indian traditions, religion, philosophy, and the devotees of mysticism he ascertained that she was more than casually interested in those subjects, and finally learned her name, instantly recognizing her as the "wonderful white lady," about whom the city had been talking for some time.

He at once advised her to visit a certain remote little town away up in the hill country, where she would be welcomed for her own powers, and where, he assured her, she would see and hear things of interest.

As soon as possible Miss Fay and her party paid a visit to the little village, the capital of a tribe with a totally unpronounceable name. In some occult way they had been apprised of her coming. She was given a royal welcome, and made much of during her short stay there.

Their Most Precious Gift.

She was induced to give a few private exhibitions of her marvelous mental power, and in return says she saw and heard things done by some of the old wise men of the tribe that utterly dumfounded her. The sensation was entirely mutual, however, for Miss Fay's power of thought transmission differed from theirs in certain respects, and they regarded her as a superior creature to themselves. On her departure they presented her with the little image, which they rgarded as the most precious gift they could bestow upon her.

That is why she prizes it so highly. And that is why, when at her home near Boston, she so often goes into her little private study, and spends hours gazing at the queer object, for to her it stands for more than a mere inanimate image. It embodies the mysticism and lore of the ages, and beaming through its dull eyes she seems to see wisdom and mental development utterly unknown to the mass of the western world, and love and self devotion to science which elevates its devotees, humble as they appear, to sublimely exalted planes.

NEW WARSHIP CONTRACTS APPROVED BY MR. MORTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Morton today approved the recommendation of the naval board on construction for the award of the contract for the building of the armored cruisers Montana and North Carolina to the Newport News Shipbuilding Company at its bid of $3,575,000 for each vessel and the contract for the construction of the battleship New Hampshire to the New York Shipbuilding Company at its bid of $3,748,000.

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Temporarily The Sunday Gazette Directory of Labor Organizations will be published monthly instead of weekly. Secretaries are requested to notify the editor of this page of any changes in time or place of meeting.

MILL RECORDS BEING BROKEN

Increased Activity at Iron and Steel Plants and Prospects Are Brighter.

WEEKLY REPORT OF LODGES

During the week a number of idle tin plate and sheet mills were put in operation and the force of men was increased at a number of large steel plants. The American Sheet and Tin Plate Company started 37 tin plate plants on Monday and out of a total of 242 mills owned by the company less than a dozen are idle. It is expected that these will be started tomorrow. Of the 163 sheet mills of the company 136 are in operation and more are scheduled to start tomorrow. The plant of the Alcania Tin Plate Company at Avonmore has been put in operation after an idleness of several months. All the independent tin plate mills are now running with the exception of about 40 and these may not be going for some time for different reasons, one being inability to get the steel necessary.

The reports of lodges of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin workers to headquarters continue to be of a very favorable nature. These reports have been compiled for the Amalgamated Journal and are as follows:

St. Louis Lodge No. 4, St. Louis, Mo., National Enameling and Stamping Company. Sheet and jobbing department, two mills working. Tin department, four mills working. Prospects, fair.

Jarvis Lodge No. 8, Terre Haute, Ind., Highland Iron and Steel Company. Boiling department, 15 furnaces working, three idle; raw material scarce. Plenty of standing turn men.

Guernsey Lodge No. 47, Cambridge, O., American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. Sheet and jobbing department, seven mills working; none idle. Prospects, good.

Dewey Lodge No. 21, Kewanee, Ill., Western Tube Company. Bar and guide department, three skelp mills working; all departments working full time. Prospects, fair.

Shawnee Lodge No. 58, Columbia, Pa., Susquehanna Iron and Steel Company. Boiling department, 11 furnaces working; idle, none. Bar and guide department, one 18-inch mill and one 10-inch mill working; idle, none; worked full time. Prospects, fair.

Colonial Lodge No. 23, Monaca, Pa., Colonial Steel works. Boiling department, 10 furnaces working; none idle. Bar and guide department, all mills working. Sheet and jobbing department, mills all working. Prospects, good.

Iron City Lodge No. 1, Pittsburgh, Zug & Co. Sheet department, six mills working; none idle. Six-mill plant, all working. Prospects, bright.

Cataract Lodge No. 2, Cleveland, O., Union Rolling Mill Company. Boiling department, all on. Bar and guide department, bar and 8 and 9-inch mills working. Prospects, fair.

John F. Ward Lodge No. 9, New Castle, Pa., Shenango plant American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. Tin department, 30 mills working; idle, none.

Westerman Lodge No. 52, Sharon, Pa., Sharon Steel Hoop Company. Bar and guide department, 8 and 9-inch mills working; none idle. Both mills on three turns. Prospects, good.

Glendon Lodge No. 50, Pittsburgh, Dilworth, Porter & Co. Bar and guide department, 18-inch spike rod mill working double; 18-inch tie plate mill idle; 16-inch bar and tie plate mill working single; automatic spike machines working full; hand spike machines working overtime; guide mill on double. Prospects, very good.

Future City Lodge No. 1, St. Louis, Mo., Helmbacher Forge and Iron Company. Bushelling department, swarth and pile on board furnaces four days, three shifts; sand bottoms, two days. Finishing department, 10-inch mill, four days; 18-inch four days; shortage of scrap. Prospects, good.

Queen City Lodge, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Phoenix Horseshoe Company. Five mill plant; four 9-inch mills working single turn; one 18-inch scrap mill, two furnaces working double turn. Prospects, good.

Springdale Lodge No. 30, Youngstown, O., M. V. Works Republic Iron and Steel Company. All mills on last week and also this week.

Banner of the West Lodge No. 18, East St. Louis, Ill., Republic Iron and Steel Company, Tudor works. Boiling department, 10 furnaces working, one idle. Bar and guide department, 16, 12, 9 and 8-inch mills, spike mill, all on double turn. Prospects, bright.

Pride of New Castle Lodge No. 2, New Castle, Pa., Greer plant of American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. Tin department, 20 mills working full. Prospects, bright.

Progress Lodge No. 10, Pullman, Ill., Pullman Car Company. Bar and guide department, 10 and 8-inch mills idle; bar mill worked four days.

McKinley Lodge No. 21, Ellwood, Ind., plant American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. Tin department, 28 mills working; none idle.

Ben I. Davis Lodge No. 19, Lebanon, Pa., West End Rolling Mill Company. Boiling department, four furnaces working, none idle; mill working single turn. Bar and guide department, eight mills working; 14 idle; 8-inch working single turn.

Empire Lodge No. 6, Cleveland, O., Empire Rolling Mill Company. Boiling department, eight furnaces working; worked all week. Bar and guide department, 10-inch mill worked all week.

South Sharon Lodge No. 15, South Sharon, Pa., American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. Fifteen mills working, five idle.

Cumberland Lodge No. 1, Valley Falls, R. I. Boiling department, five scrap furnaces, 18-inch and four 9-inch mills working. Prospects, good.

Granite Lodge No. 16, Granite City, Ill., National Enameling and Stamping Company. Open hearth department, four furnaces working, two idle. Prospects, fair.

Gilt Edge Lodge No. 57, Cambridge, O., Cambridge Rolling Mill Company. Bar and guide department, the mill is still idle. Prospects, unknown.

Cambria Lodge No. 17, Connellsville, Pa., Humbert plant, American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. Tin department, six mills started December 12.

Bayardstown Lodge No. 20, Pittsburgh, Zug & Co. Boiling department, 22 furnaces working double turn. Bar and guide department; bar mill, six heats per turn; 10-inch, six heats per turn; 8-inch, six heats per turn.

Hyde City Lodge No. 46, Clearfield, Pa., Clearfield Iron and Steel Company. Boiling department, 17 single all on; 12-inch, two furnaces on rail mill idle; no standing turn men.

Stark Lodge No. 10, Massillon, O., Corns plant Republic Iron and Steel Company. Boiling department, five scrap mills working, two puddle furnaces and guide mill worked full time last week. Prospects, good.

Wayne Lodge No. 55, Pittsburgh, Wayne Iron and Steel works. Boiling department, all furnaces on three turns. Bar and guide department, bar mill on single; guide mill on double. Sheet and jobbing department, plow mill on double.

Granite City Lodge No. 11, Granite City, Ill., National Enameling and Stamping Company. Tin department, 19 mills working. All mills are working except two new sheet mills. Prospects, fair.

Belmont Lodge No. 46, Martins Ferry, O., Laughlin sheet mill. Sheet department, six mills working full time; none idle. Prospects, good.

W. C. Davis Lodge No. 1, East Chicago, Ind., Republic Iron and Steel Company. Boiling department, 14 doubles working; idle, none; standing turn men plenty. Prospects, good.

Pride of McKees Rocks Lodge No. 45, McKees Rocks, Pa., Lockhart Iron and Steel Company. Mill working full.

Steubenville Lodge No. 32, Steubenville, O., Pope Tin Plate Company. Mill working full. Prospects, fair for a steady run.

Michigan Lodge No. 1, Detroit, Mich., Railway Steel Spring Company. Bar and guide department, bar and guide mills working. Both mills worked all week double turn. Prospects, good.

WILL CHANGE THE NAME BUT NOT THE POLICY

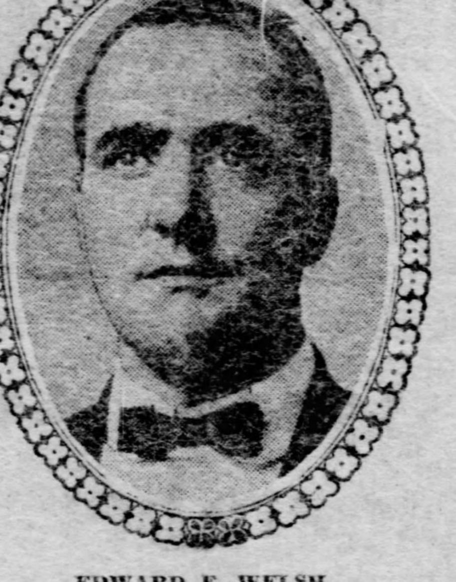
The National Metal Trades association has been issuing a monthly magazine for more than two years called the Bulletin. In the current number Editor Wuest makes the announcement that on January 1 the name will be changed to the Open Shop. He bespeaks for it a wider range of usefulness and patronage. The policy of the magazine, however, will remain the same, which will be an attack on labor unions for what they have done, and also for what they have failed to do. The announcement is also made that the council of the National Metal Trades association designated March 23, 1905, as the time and Chicago as the place for holding the next annual convention of the association.

Journeymen Plumbers Elect New Officers for the Coming Year

The annual election of officers of local union No. 27 of the plumbers' organization occurred during the week and there were a number of interesting contests. Changes were made in nearly every position. There are but two salaried offices, financial seretary and business agent. James J. McKee was unanimously elected as financial secretary and Edward F. Welsh was chosen business agent, defeating John F. O'Flaherty and J. W. Slattery. When necessary the financial secretary will perform the duties of business agent. Following are the new officers for the year 1905: President, Charles Anderson; vice president, J. J. Toole; financial secretary, James J. McKee; recording secretary, James P. Toole; treasurer, James Baird; assistant financial secretary, Robert Beltz; executive board, M. Martin and William Harper; inside sentry, William Callio; finance committee, James Scanlon, H. D. McBrien and James J. Kane; examining board, James P. Toole, William Mahon, James Byrnes, James Marsh and William Singler; business agent, Edward F. Welsh.

The local is one of the oldest of the building trades in the Pittsburgh district, having been formed in 1878. At one time it was affiliated with the Knights of Labor, but for several years has been one of the leading local unions of the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Steam Fitters Helpers of the United States and Canada. Local No. 27 is in a flourishing condition and with local No. 96 of McKeesport includes 95 per cent of the journeymen plumbers in Allegheny county. Business Agent Welsh said yesterday that according to the latest reports there are not more than 5 per cent of the plumbers in the county outside of the organization. Most of these, he says, are in Braddock and on the South Side. Strong efforts are to be made to bring them in. The annual wage agreement of the plumbers with the Master Plumbers' association will expire on December 31. It calls for a rate of 50 cents an hour and an eight-hour workday. Neither side has made a demand for a change and it is likely that the present agreement will continue for another year.

JAMES J. M'KEE.
Financial Secretary for Plumbers.



EDWARD F. WELSH.
Business Agent for Plumbers.

FRICTION OVER SURPLUS MONEY

Labor Day Officials to Wind Up Affairs of Celebration Next Wednesday.

EVENT WAS WELL MANAGED

There promises to be a lively meeting next Wednesday evening when the general committee of the Labor day celebration will hold a final meeting to wind up its affairs. To the surprise of everybody connected with the workmen's holiday, especially to the executive committee, there is left in the treasury nearly $400. How this money is to be disbursed is what will cause friction.

The organizations that took part in the Labor day celebration were those affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, the Knights of Labor and many independent of any affiliations. Programs for disbursements are being made by all three factions. The A. F. of L. adherents want it devoted to a fund to be used in entertaining delegates to the A. F. of L. convention in Pittsburgh next November. The K. of L. thinks it should be distributed to the Saturday and Sunday Hospital association, while others think it should be distributed equally among the organizations who took part in the parade and exercises.

The executive committee, of which John Fernau was chairman, realized at the outset that it would be a difficult task to make the celebration a success. On account of the business depression only a small proportion of men were at work. Several organizations voted not to turn out on account of a shortage of funds.

Mr. Fernau, although a K. of L. adherent, commands the respect of the entire labor movement, and it was through his influence that all labor leaders put their shoulders to the wheel and made the celebration a success.

One of the features which assisted the finance committee was that the executive officers took full charge of the souvenir. Heretofore an advertising solicitor was secured, who eat up 40 per cent of the net receipts. This year that percentage went into the general treasury. No matter how the money is disbursed, the committee will retain sufficient to start the ball rolling for the next year's celebration.

JURISDICTION DISPUTES.

Important Decisions Made by the American Federation of Labor.

Official announcement was made during the week that at the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor it was decided that the brewery workers shall, within six months, affiliate with the organizations of their own craft; thus the drivers go to the teamsters, and the engineers and firemen to the unions of those crafts. Failure to comply with this decree will result in the revoking of the charter of the offending organization. It was also ordered that the brewery coopers go to the Coopers' union.

In the matter of differences of jurisdiction between the boilermakers and structural iron workers, smokestacks, gasometers, steam, gas, water and air-tight tank work was awarded to the boilermakers and iron-ship builders. The erection of rib, girder and angle iron-work and the assembling and erection of frame and plates on safe deposit vaults was awarded to the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

An important decision affecting the varnishers and wood finishers all over the country was rendered, giving the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators jurisdiction over them. The reason for this decision being given that the evolution of building has changed the interior finish of woodwork in all large buildings and that the larger portion is hardwood finished in varnish, and that this branch of decoration is no longer confined to a factory or shop, but is distinctly a building trade.

RAILWAY CLERKS VOTING.

Association to Be Attached to a National Organization.

Another referendum vote will be taken by the International Association of Railway Clerks to decide with what other national organization to amalgamate. Since voting on the proposition to join the freight handlers other offers have been made to the clerks, one from the United Brotherhood of Railway Employes, an organization taking in all persons engaged in the railway service, and about 12,000 strong and affiliated with the American Labor union; the other from the association's former rivals, now known as the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, composed exclusively of railway clerks, also about 12,000 strong, but working independently of any other national union. In view of these offers, and the fact that the freight handlers have a membership of no more than 3,000, the officers have concluded to hold another referendum vote so as to bring these several offers before the members.

THE MINERS CONVENTION.

Official Call Issued for the Annual Gathering to Be Held Next Month.

The call for the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America has just been issued fixing the date as January 16 and Indianapolis as the place. The convention will not be of as great importance as former meetings, for there will be no wage scale to arrange, a two-year contract having been signed at the last session.

It is specified in the call that the delegates will be elected by direct vote of local unions, and that a delegate for each 100 members will be allowed. The members are asked to instruct their delegates how to vote on the proposition to change the official organ, the United Mine Worker, from a weekly to a monthly publication. Secretary Wilson, in his annual report, recommended the change, but a committee on officers' reports non-concurred in his recommendation.

Indiana leaders in the organization and those at national headquarters at Indianapolis discredit the story that John Mitchell will decline a re-election as president. Some operators and others conjecture that he will resign, because, as they say, the organization has reached its climax, and that like other organizations which grew rapidly in numerical strength, it is bound to lose strength, not to the point of disruption, but to a considerable extent.

John Mitchell will be re-elected president of the United Mine Workers of America without opposition.

There is no opposition to the re-election of Vice President T. L. Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer William B. Wilson, but for the seven positions as delegates to the American Federation of Labor there is a list of 35 candidates.

WOULD REGULATE LABOR.

A Bill That Might Force Employers to Be Partial to Americans.

Congressman Adams of Pennsylvania has introduced in the house of representatives, by request, a novel bill for the regulation of the employment of labor. It provides that any person or company employing journeymen mechanics, laborers, clerks, or other help shall give preference to American citizens and residents of the vicinity in which the work is to be done; that no employer shall have the right to discharge an employe for a petty cause, and that any employer who refuses to give work without cause to a citizen of the vicinity in which the employer lives shall pay damages equal to the amount of wages which would have been earned by the employe who was refused work.

This unique bill also provides that any employe working for an employer without a previous bargain for wages shall be given the highest wages paid in the vicinity where he lives or from where he was called to do the work. It is provided that any employe who cannot attend to his work on account of sickness, or who is a member of the National Guard, and is called to do active duty, and who is deprived of his work, shall be reinstated by his employer with the same pay as when first employed. It is provided that hour, day or week laborers shall be paid at least every two weeks. The bill provides for an eight-hour day, but states that no person shall be prevented from working as many hours overtime as he sees fit, provided his employer or other employes work the same number of hours with him.

TO DISCUSS OPEN SHOPS.

Preparations for Annual Meeting of American Economic Association.

The American Economic association will hold its seventeenth annual meeting at the University of Chicago during the Christmas holidays. On Thursday afternoon, December 29, there will be an interesting discussion on "Open Shop or Closed Shop." John G. Hibbard, president of the Chicago Metal Trades association, is to read a paper showing why an open shop is a necessity from the employer's standpoint, and Thomas I. Kidd, who represents organized labor, will show the opposite side of the question.

Other papers on the subject will be read by T. K. Webster, president of the Webster Manufacturing Company of Chicago; Professor John R. Commons, University of Wisconsin; John Graham Brooks, president of the American Social Science association; Edward A. Ross, University of Nebraska; George E. Bennett, Johns Hopkins university, and Henry R. Seager, Columbia university.

Will Employ Many Men.

It is the expectation that the National Tube Company will begin the manufacture of wrought pipe at Lorain, O., early in the new year. When the great plant is running full several thousand men will be given employment. At South Lorain 200 houses are now under erection to take care of the first influx of new employes, and it is expected 500 or 600 additional houses will be built before the end of 1905.

End of a Long Fight.

E. A. Rysdon, a Chicago sheet metal contractor, who for nearly two years waged a bitter fight against the Building Contractors' council and the Sheet Metal Workers' alliance, has at last given up the fight. Last week he discharged all his non-union men, paid his fines to associations of both employers and employes, amounting to $3,000, and signed a closed shop agreement with the union.

THE CONTRACT IS ABROGATED

Employers Give Notice to Molders of Termination of National Agreement.

COMMENT OF UNION OFFICERS

The agreement between the Iron Molders' union of North America and the National Founders' association, has been abrogated by the employers' organization and will terminate on Tuesday, December 20. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the administrative council held recently and President Joseph F. Valentine, of the molders' union, was promptly notified. The reason given was that the union had failed to fulfill its part of the contract, which provided that there should be no strikes until arbitration had failed.

The announcement was taken as a declaration of war, but the employers say that such is not the case. They have issued what they term an "outline of policy," which all founders, members of the association, are requested to pursue in dealing with their employes in future. This outline of policy, briefly summed up, provides for no arbitrary limitation of output on the part of any molder, or no demand for an excessive amount of work on the part of the employer; freedom of employment with the understanding that any molder, working in the shop of a member of the association must work harmoniously with his fellows; the number of apprentices or handy men to be determined solely by the requirements of the employer; the right to introduce molding machines, and have them operated by anyone the employer may choose; no arbitration of any question with men who are on strike.

Employers say that these principles are essential to the successful conduct of business, consequently they are not subjects for arbitration. On the matter of wages the declaration says the employers are free to employ molders at wages mutually agreed upon, to be governed by local or shop conditions. On that question it says: "In the operation of piece work, premium plan or contract system now in force or to be extended or established, this association will not countenance any condition of wages which are not just, or which will not allow a workman of average efficiency to earn at least a fair wage."

As further evidence of its attitude toward its workmen, the convention adopted the following specific declaration on the subject of the arbitration of differences:

Whereas, It has become necessary to withdraw from the provisions of the New York agreement for the reasons announced in the declaration adopted by this convention, and

Whereas, The outline of policy adopted by this convention provides means for the settlement of differences which may arise between our members and their employes upon subjects other than those which we believe and have announced as indisputable; be it

Resolved, That we hereby announce our continued belief in the principle of arbitration and our disapproval of strikes and lockouts and instruct our officers and administrative council to favor arbitration with our employes, either singly or collectively, whenever and wherever it will enable them to establish and maintain just and equitable relations between our members and their employes.

Miss Robson Closes Season.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Copyright Cable.)—Miss Eleanor Robson closed her extremely successful season in "Merely Mary Ann" at the Duke of York theater on Thursday night and sailed for New York on the Deutschland.

LIFTING POLES WAS TOO MUCH

Allegheny Politician Tells Story of the Job His Father Got Years Ago.

NOT AMUSING TO RELATIVES

"A politician should trust no one but his own wife."

Thus sententiously did an experienced politician of Allegheny epitomize the views of a group of his political associates who had been discussing instances where treason had been practiced by men in various campaigns waged on the North Side. With this apothegm still echoing in the ears of his listeners "Big Jim" left the company and started on his way.

"Jim ought to know," ventured one of the little crowd sitting about a table in a club patronized by politicians, and those who aspire to such conditions, "for he's been playing the game for 25 years and has gone up against all kinds of fellows in his time."

"Well, I don't doubt the truth of the axiom," answered another, "but coming from Jim it falls on my ears with a rather humorous significance."

"What's your story, Billy? Did Jim ever give you the double-cross?"

"I guess that's what you call it, but at the time I speak of I gave it worse names than that. I was quite a youngster then, but was active in my precinct and really had a constituency among the Germans. Father was one of the early settlers in the ward and my family was known to everyone there. Having a freaky notion that I could make a fortune in the west I went away one day, and was gone for several months when I got a telegram informing me that father was very ill. That fortune got sidetracked somewhere and I had all I could do to get back home by riding on day coaches and eating one meal a day.

Jim Was Willing to Help.

"Father got better, but his position had been filled at the mill and for a time both of us were looking for work. The family at that time had no more money than just enough on which to live comfortably, and this state of affairs would not last forever if father and I remained long out of work. Finally I landed a job, but it did not amount to much. One day I met Jim on the street and it came to me as an inspiration that with his influence he could get father something easy to do on the city payroll. Jim listened to my story and then said:

"'Billy, you ought to be ashamed of yourself for not letting me know sooner that the old man was out of work. Send him down to the city light plant in the morning and he'll find a good job waiting for him.'

"Home I went, throwing out my chest and inwardly boasting of what advantage there was in being a successful young politician who could deliver the goods in his precinct. Prefacing my announcement with some such vain assertions I broke the news to father and the family at the supper table. The effect was wonderful. Father, mother and my sisters lost their appetites, and what with congratulating father and kissing mother in their happiness, my sisters put an end to the meal and succeeded in increasing my self-adulation.

Father Starts to Work.

"Oh, it was awful the way the family carried on. Why, we didn't go to bed that night, we were so excited. We sat up talking about the good fortune and what a fortunate thing it was to have a man in the house who had influence with the big politicians. Mother and the girls speculated on what father's duties were to be and after almost making him sick trying to stuff food down his throat, that he couldn't eat, they got him off to work long before it was necessary. A beautiful serenity settled about our house after father was gone and all day mother and the girls were in happy spirits.

"That night I was sitting on the porch with mother and the girls when father came home. He was pretty well up in years and nowise in the robust health he had enjoyed before his long illness, but when he opened the gate that night I thought he looked a hundred years old. Mother and the girls saw it, too, and ran out to meet him. Not a word did he say until he had taken off his coat and hat and had dropped wearily into his chair. I scented disaster and incidentally thought of my standing as a politician who could demand anything he wanted. The shock came finally.

"Heave Away!" Cried Foreman.

"'I had to give up the job, mother,' said father leaning back with his eyes closed. 'When I got to the light plant I was sent out with six Irishmen to set up poles for light and fire alarm wires. You know I am not very strong now, and after I had dug a hole in which to place the first pole I was pretty tired. Then we got that long pine log and laid the butt of it right over the hole. The six Irishmen and I got our shoulders under it and the boss yelled 'Heave away.' When he said that the six Irish ducked, and I lifted the pole. That is what I did all day, and I can't hold a job that requires me to lift telegraph poles. If I were younger I might do it, but I'm too old now.'

"Well," continued Billy, "that was the last day father worked. For several weeks I was twitted by my companions for the boasts I made the day father got his job. It was regarded as a good joke and was the cause of many a good laugh, but it showed me just how strong I was in the ward and how much I could trust to Big Jim for a square deal. He got father a job all right, and I said nothing more to him, but I learned later that father and I were not the only victims of his grim joke. It seems that this job at the light plant is always open. Jim has given it to many a man and the experienced squad always lets the green man do the lifting and other heavy work. When they are working alone each is compelled by the others to do his share.

Loop-Hole for Politicians.

"Councilmen have often worked this job off on men whose relatives or friends had some political influence. The politicians can then say that they did not refuse to place a man in a job and that satisfies their consciences, if they have any; and in a measure they escape the enmity they would arouse if they declared they could not get a job for the man who is after it.

"It is a narrow alley from which to escape the antagonism of friends who have an interest in a man out of work, but it's one I have never used and never will. I've never forgotten the awful disappointment mother and my sisters got the time Big Jim fooled father and me, and it taught me a lesson. Politics may not be recognized as a thing potent in the home, but very often that's where the good or evil of politics is felt the most keenly. I have no intention of disputing this sage saying of Jim's, for no doubt he has been fooled often himself, but it doesn't come from him with a very good grace to one who has experienced the species of assistance he offered my family when we really needed help. Of course we are friends now, but there has been many a time I could have done something for Jim when I didn't, just because I have not forgotten."

KING CARLOS DEMOCRATIC.

Makes Tour of Paris Boulevards Afoot and Practices Shooting in a Gallery.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(Copyright Cable.)—King Carlos and Queen Amelia of Portugal were naturally objects of interest throughout the past week. Parisians, as on the occasion of former visits of King Carlos, were charmed with his democracy. Despite the rain he has several times made on foot a tour of the grand boulevards and recently visited a shooting gallery in the Avenue D'Antin, where, with pistol and rifle, he made excellent scores.

Queen Amelia on Wednesday visited the shops and made many purchases. She also visited the opera.

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The Editors Point of View

ONLY a week and it will be Christmas day. If you have been a wise person and mindful of your nerves you have everything planned for, and even the dinner menu written out in plain black and white with the necessary ingredients thereof carefully listed so that at the last minute there will be no forgetting of the celery or the cranberries. Your gifts, let us say, are all tied up and ready for mailing and will start tomorrow morning, if they have far to go, for the mails are crowded and the express companies decidedly uncertain and a belated gift is almost like no gift at all.

In the making of gifts, there is one beneficiary—if I may call it such—which should always be remembered, and by so doing you benefit yourself as well as every member of your family. This beneficiary is your home. Make a gift to the house. If every member of the family would make some trifling gift to the house, not necessarily material presents but much needed repairs or improvements, the Christmas day would gain much of happiness in memory. Let the man of the house take his tools and plane off every door that sticks until it closes without protest. Or, if this is not needed, there are usually latches which are shaky or locks which won't work, or perhaps the cook is pining for a rack to dry her dishcloth, or there may be knobs or handles which need repairing. Make a gift to the house by seeing that all these small repairs are effected on Christmas eve. For other gifts, let us suggest a new and powerful burner for the kitchen gas jet, some sharp paring knives of which a cook never has too many, little paddles for making butter balls, a new felt for the dining room table, a lot of inexpensive ash trays which may be scattered throughout the house if the menfolks smoke, a ring shower bath, easily attachable, a set of cake pans, a knife sharpener that sharpens, a pair of library scissors—the list might be prolonged indefinitely, but each family knows its peculiar need. By all means, if you have not included your house as one to receive a gift at Christmas, do so before too late, for it is a mighty good idea.

THERE are some mothers who are a terrific handicap to a girl with matrimonial aspirations. Young men of the present day are apt to be somewhat cautious about choosing a wife—unless they are utterly reckless and impulsive; they are bound to be one extreme or the other. Therefore the young man who has met beautiful, pink, plump and dimpled Pearl at a dance, and has admired said attractive plumpness and dimples, and has asked permission to call, will be in a fair way to get a bad shock when he sees Pearl's mother, whose plumpness has grown into excessive corpulence, and whose erstwhile pink and white complexion is now a mottled red, yet who bears unmistakable evidences of having been, in her youth, the counterpart of the blooming Pearl. When the daughter's admirer hears mother's wheezy chuckles and realises that the fair Pearl's future state is even now depicted for his benefit, will he not pause? Indeed he will, unless he be very far gone in love.

Perhaps the worst handicap an attractive girl can have is a flirtatious and over-youthful mother, who insists on monopolizing the attention of all men visitors at the house, and who spares no pains to give herself the semblance of girlishness. Even when the wrinkles show plainly beneath the cosmetics, and her arms and hands are hopelessly skinny and old-looking—and oh, how the arms and hands do show one's age—she will insist on making up, and on wearing her elbow sleeves, on airing her girlish laugh and her kittenish ways until her daughter and her daughter's friends are heartily ashamed for her. "I would like to go and see Miss Blank," said a young man recently, speaking of a girl who had one of these juvenile mothers, "but her mother always comes down dressed so gayly and makes such eyes and talks all the time that I never have a chance of seeing the daughter, so I have stopped going. No elderly fairies in mine." And though somewhat slangy in the mode of expression, most men will echo the sentiment, and there are few of these girlish flirtatious mothers who are not left with their daughters still unmarried when all their girl friends are matrons. No young man wants to think that his wife will degenerate into an "elderly fairy," and if he believes at all in heredity he will fight shy of the girl with that type of mother.

Almost as bad as the frivolous, too youthful mother, is the mother who wants to play kind assistant to her daughter's courtship. Such a mother is all smiles and urbanity when a possible suitor approaches, takes the liveliest interest in the young man and makes a point of coming in to talk with him a few moments whenever he calls and putting a maternal tone in all converse with him, and she always has an invitation to tea or dinner at her tongue's end, and oh, with what bountiful repasts does she regale the youths who frequent the house. She also makes a habit of coming into the parlor along about half past nine and bringing a plate of delicious candy or cake, and as she presses these dainties upon the young man she will tell him beamingly that she regards him even as one of the family. Now for the young man who has straight matrimonial intentions, this sort of a mother is perfectly delightful, but for the casual acquaintance, or the man who is just getting interested and is not sure of his own mind, overwhelming attentions are nothing short of terrifying. He realizes that he is being taken for granted, and no man living likes that. Therefore he flees, and daughter grieves, and if she is a spunky girl she will have a heart to heart talk with mother, and request to be allowed to manage her own affairs as they relate to young men.

Almost as much of a drawback as the kind assistant mother, is the invisible mother, who never comes into the drawing room to meet her daughter's friends, and who, even though young men may have called at the house for a year, does not know them by sight. A sensible man would very naturally conclude that there was some reason why mother was kept so sedulously in the background, and his confidence and respect for the daughter would not be increased by his suspicions. Therefore, in being an unknown quantity to her daughter's men friends, the mother is wronging both herself and her child. It is the duty and the privilege of every mother to know exactly who and what the associates of her daughters are. There is no need to play Sherlock Holmes and to consult Bradstreet as to fortune, but she should make a point of meeting socially each and every young man who enters her doors as a friend of her children, and then either approve or disapprove. She need not express her feelings openly for there are many easy methods of discouraging undesirable acquaintances. Young girls are not always wise in the choice of their friends, and may be carried away with the fascinations of an utterly unworthy man. The mother must prevent this, and as a safeguard to her daughter, she must be the determining factor in the hospitality of her own house.

The girl who desires to get married and has a mother who is a drawback to her prospects, would better make a visit to some relative or friend in a far distant city and while there capture the most eligible in sight before he gets a chance to know her unprepossessing parent.

THOSE who are interested have been following the accounts of the pure food agitators with a respect for what they have done and an earnest wish for their future success. One very significant feature of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was the International Pure Food congress which was, in effect, a national appeal to the government for a uniform protective food law. Here are some of the more common adulterations such as are found in every-day foods: Sodium sulphite is used in sausages and Hamburger steak, not only to preserve them for a greater length of time than nature intended, but also to disguise tainted and spoiled meat. Boracic acid may be found in much dried beef, smoked meats, canned chipped beef and canned salmon. In the so-called French peas, tests will too often show copper salts in varying quantities, and in some instances aluminum salts as well. Canned mushrooms are often bleached by the use of sulphites. Many brands of catsup are made up of the waste products of the cannery, pulp, skins, ripe tomatoes, green tomatoes, starch paste, coal tar colors, chemical preservatives, usually benzoate of soda or salicylic acid, the whole highly spiced and not always free from saccharin. Some catsups are made of pumpkin pulp, colored and spiced. The beautiful ripe red tomatoes which you so much admire if carefully tested would show that their colors came—like many a fine lady's—from a rouge bottle, only tomato rouge is made of coal tar. Incidentally it is worth while to note that boracic acid, when used in sausages and Hamburger steak, as told of in above, ranges from five to forty-five grains to the pound, and the medical dose is from five to nine grains a day! Lard is made of tallow and cotton seed oil, carefully doctored to the correct taste. Orange phosphate, such as you order at the soda fountain, may be nothing but a queer mixture of sweet syrup, benzoic acid and coal tar dye. The flavoring "Extract of Lemon," which housekeepers use every day, is just as like as not to be made of deadly wood alcohol and aniline dye, and the only reason that it does not number its victims by the thousand is because they get such small amounts of it. Half a teaspoonful would kill a child. And what do you think of maple sugar which is flavored cane sugar, or strained honey that is only glucose and never even saw a bee, or maple syrup made of glucose thinned down and colored a little with burnt sugar. Vinegar is not made of apples, properly fermented, but in many cases is simply acetic acid colored with burnt sugar. Cayenne pepper is a little capsicum and a great deal of nut shells ground fine and colored with aniline dye. Jellies and jams may be anything from mashed pumpkin to plain apple sauce, colored with the ever-present aniline, and with timothy seed, sprinkled in to imitate the seed when raspberry or blackberry is made. Talk about the tricks of the trade!

Yet it must be borne in mind that all preservatives and even adulterants are not harmful. The point is this. The manufacturer who makes an adulterated article, be it ever so harmless, and sells it for the pure article ought to be prosecuted for the deception. The supreme court of Pennsylvania has held that all persons who sell adulterated foods do so at their peril, and the penalty will be enforced even though the seller had no knowledge of the adulteration. Other states have also taken steps to protect themselves against adulterated foods, North Dakota having been particularly active. There the "Lard Substitute" has its ingredients named on its label in large type and every one can tell just what he is buying. Glucose goods are now sold in North Dakota under a label naming the ingredients and the percentage of each. With these protectory measures you may be sure the canners of that region are forced to mind their business and make each canned article just as good as it can possibly be, since there are no artificial means allowable to preserve and color it.

If there could be a national statute which would put obligations of the same sort as those in North Dakota upon packers and canners throughout the entire country, and if this statute were rigidly enforced, a very great step forward would be made. It is to this end that the Pure Food laborers are working, and if they make the same progress in the future as they have in the past such a law is only a question of time. The men who foist these adulterated and doctored foods upon the public ignorance are fighting this movement with every means in their power, but when the great mass of people of this country realize their danger, the fight will be won for the Pure Food movement.

In the olden times, when each housewife cured her own meats, put up her own preserves and jellies, there was no danger of this prevalence of adulterated food. Today we have changed all that. Such conditions are only kept up on the farms and in small towns, and even there a demand is being made for things which they cannot supply from their own fields and gardens. Yet this falsification of alimentary product is by no means an invention of modern times. It has always been practiced as the citations of ancient recorded cases prove. Though it be not new it is none the less an evil which must be coped with. It is with a very natural horror that one contemplates dining casually on poisons and waste. The pure food movement needs more workers—there cannot be too many.

Sophie Peter Kerr

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The department will continue as heretofore, an "Open Congress" for housewives, wherein recipes and household experiences may be exchanged. All letters will be published, though it may be some weeks after they have been received. The large number we receive makes prompt publication an impossibility. For the best, most original and most useful letter we will pay $2.00 cash, and for the next best $1.00.

Contributors will confer a favor by looking over all letters carefully before sending, as several times omissions have occurred which rendered the subject matter of the letters valueless. The conditions remain as stated:

Letters must not recommend any particular brand of canned food, soup or other purchasable household supplies.

Letters must not contain more than 300 words.

Letters must be written only on one side of the paper.

Letters will be received and considered at any time.

The Pittsburgh Gazette reserves for itself the right to publish any letter, whether or not it is a prize winner, with no payment to the contributor.

There is no limit placed to the number of times one person may compete.

All letters must be addressed to the Housewives' Reciprocity Bureau, Home Journal Section, The Pittsburgh Gazette.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions rules the letter out of the contest.

THERE are many economical and palatable dishes which can be made of rabbit. I have invented and tried several which I find excellent, two of which I offer to the Housewives' Reciprocity. After removing the skin always soak the rabbit in salt water for from one to three hours, so that all stray hairs may be easily removed. Deviled Rabbit—Make a sauce of dry mustard, lemon juice, salt, pepper, grated lemon peel, sherry wine and Worcestershire sauce. As it begins to boil add a large lump of butter. When very hot add cold cooked rabbit, cut in cubes, and cook until heated through. Serve on buttered toast. Turkish Rabbit—Cut up rabbit and fry brown in butter, to which has been added a chopped onion and a green pepper. Boil all this in water to make a fine stock. To 2 cups of the sauce, or stock, add ⅓ cup of tomato sauce, or tomato catsup thinned with a little water, ½ cup mushrooms, if desired, and season with salt and pepper. Cook slowly until done. Cook cup of rice in a rice pot, or sauce pan, and add this with three tablespoonfuls of grated cheese. Cook 10 minutes longer and serve.

MRS. G. R. W., Louisville, Ky.

VEAL LOAF—For the Sunday evening meal and for lunches, there is no better manner in which to prepare meat, and with as little trouble, as veal loaf. Have as many pounds of veal as wanted (the leg is the best), ground with a little pork. To each pound allow 1 egg, well beaten; ½ teaspoonful of pepper, 1 of salt, 2 rolled crackers, a tablespoonful of flour, a tablespoonful of cream and 1 of butter. Season with sage or parsley. Mix all thoroughly, make into a firm loaf and roast the same as other meats. If beef be used in place of veal, add salt pork.

Quince Honey—Use only fully ripe and juicy quinces. Pare, core and grate. To every cup of grated quince allow one cup of water and three cups of granulated sugar. Boil the sugar and water until it forms threads; add the quinces and cook until thick as honey. Put into jars and seal while hot.

Lunch Cakes—The following recipe makes delicious little cakes for a lunch, as they are less liable to get broken than a slice of cake: Mix thoroughly with a spoon 1¼ cups of sugar (light brown), and two tablespoonfuls of fresh butter, add 1 egg with the white well beaten, a pinch of salt, ½ cup milk and 1¼ cups of flour, sifted with a teaspoonful of baking powder. Flavor with a spoonful of pineapple and bake in gem pans, putting a tablespoonful of the mixture in each section. Icing may be put on if wanted. This amount makes just a dozen. They will keep moist for several days if kept in a closed jar.

Dry Yeast—(to be made in a porcelain kettle.)—Boil gently a cup of hops in a quart of water, strain and add a quart of flour, ½ cup of sugar and ½ teaspoonful of ginger. Stir until thicker than batter. Let it set until cool and then stir in a pint of dry yeast, previously soaked in water until it rises. Mix with cornmeal until stiff enough to make into small pieces and then dry. Be careful not to use too much cornmeal.

MRS. H. A. G., Sheradenville, Pa.

I AM a constant reader of The Daily and Sunday Gazette and take great pleasure to send in a few recipes which I have found very good.

Oyster potpie baked in the oven—Take a layer of potatoes and a layer of oysters and a layer of dough and season with pepper and salt and butter and bake in a hot oven half an hour. You will find it all right.

Macaroni and cheese is very fine baked together. Cook the macaroni 20 minutes then take it off and put it in a dish, then slice your cheese in a frying pan, then put some macaroni in and every other layer cheese, season with pepper and salt and butter, then bake in a hot oven till it is good and brown.

MISS K. R., Johnstown, Pa.

I SEND the following fine recipes, which I have not seen printed in your paper and hope they may help some one: Quince honey (delicious)—Grate four unpeeled quinces, boil one quart of water and three pounds of granulated sugar, then add the grated quince and cook 30 minutes or a little longer, if it seems thin, watching carefully it does not burn.

Sweedish tomatoes, to be used as patty shells—Beat two eggs very light. Add half-cup sweet milk, pour this slowly on one cup flour, having previousy mixed with the flour half-teaspoonful salt and half-teaspoon sugar, beat well. Add one tablespoon salad oil or melted butter. Fry in deep fat, using a timbal iron—any hardware store has them—to shape them. Heat the timbal iron in the hot fat first, then dip it in the batter, then into the hot grease or let brown as in doughnuts. The above will make 30 timbals and are pretty and palatable for serving any kind of salads or patties.

Marshmallows—Dissolve one tablespoon gelatine in half-pint of boiling water, stir in one pound powdered sugar and beat with a fork one hour. Sometimes it requires 15 minutes longer. When stiff pour in a buttered plate. Let it stand for three hours or longer after cutting in any shape desired. Sift a little corn starch or powdered sugar over the top to prevent a hard crust forming.

To fix cheese—One cup of cheese crumbs in one pint of milk. Boil till melted. Season with salt, pepper and butter. Put in rapidly two beaten eggs. Spread on hot slices of toast.

F. B., Pittsburgh.

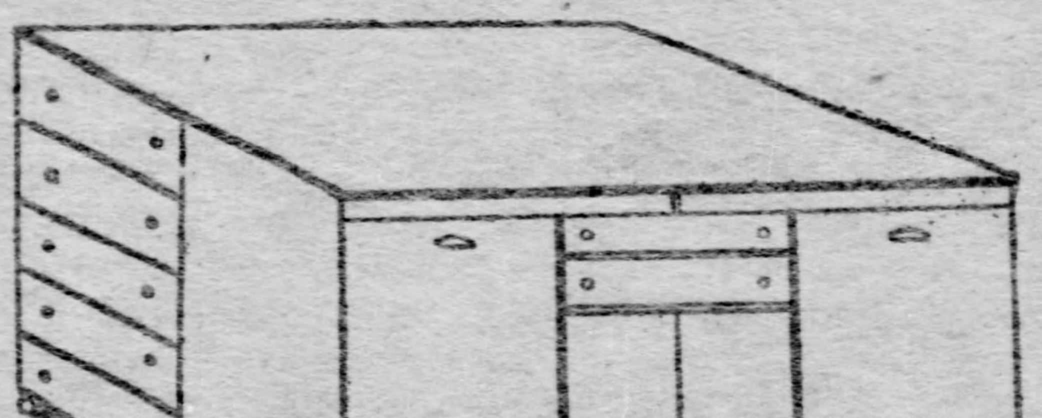
HERE are a few recipes which I hope will benefit some one: Breaded rabbit—Soak the rabbit over night in salt water. Boil until tender in clear water, add an onion to the water to take away the wild taste, let cool, beat two eggs light, dip the rabbit in the eggs, roll in cracker crumbs and fry in hot butter. Serve with cranberry sauce.

Hot waffles—Sift together one quart flour, two tablespoons baking powder, one teaspoon sugar and half teaspoon salt. Rub in one tablespoon butter and two beaten eggs with one and a half pints milk. Fry in hot iron, sprinkle with sugar and serve hot.

Pumpkin pie—One cup stewed pumpkin, half-cup sugar, yolks of two eggs, beat until light. Add one cup sweet milk and three-fourths tablespoon of corn starch. Bake in lower crust. When done cover with the whites of the eggs beaten with one tablespoon sugar, return to oven and brown.

MRS. H. L. S., Broughton, Pa.

I SEND you with this my plan for a kitchen table which is very convenient and a great step-saver. It should be made to fit the space in the kitchen where it is to stand, but it ought to be about five feet long, if possible, and two and a half feet wide. A swinging flour bin is at each side with a dough board in the space above. If only one bin is used for flour the other could hold cornmeal and then have room for bread. The top drawer in front is for mixing spoons, biscuit cutter and other things used when baking. The lower drawer is for a crock for sugar, a small one for butter and



soda, baking powder, etc. The drawers at the ends are for towels, dish towels and any other things the housewife needs handy. Have casters in it, and after using a while you will not take what it cost and do without. Another great convenience is a small table just high enough to come over the lap. Use it when preparing vegetables or fruit, and a large part of the ironing can be done on it if one uses a small gasoline stove, the small kind. Such a table is useful for taking things to and from the dining room, also when sewing.

MRS. A. H. F.

SUNSHINE CAKE—One cup granulated sugar, one cup flour, three teaspoonfuls cream tartar. Beat thoroughly the yolks of five eggs and set aside. Beat the whites of seven eggs, add the cream tartar and a little salt. Sift the sugar and flour separately, add the sugar and beat it. Then add the yolks to the whites and sugar and beat. Last of all stir in the flour.

Ice Cream Candy—Four cups sugar, two-thirds cup of boiling water, one tablespoonful butter, one tablespoonful glycerin, five tablespoonfuls vinegar, one tablespoonful vanilla and one teaspoonful soda. Cook till it will roll in a soft ball. Pull when partly cool.

Chocolate Fudge—Two cups sugar, one cup milk, two squares Baker's chocolate, butter size of a hickory nut and one-half teaspoonful vanilla. Cook until it will hold together in water and beat until hard enough to pour into a pan before it sets.

A Good Cake Recipe—One and one-half cups of sugar, three eggs, beaten separately, two-thirds of a cup shortening, two cups seeded raisins, one teaspoonful cloves, cinnamon and allspice, one teaspoonful soda mixed with the flour, three cups flour. Roll them stiff. These cookies are fine when iced with common cake icing.

Sponge Cake—Two cups sugar, two cups flour, four eggs, two-thirds of a cup of hot water, three teaspoonfuls baking powder. Beat a long time. Sponge cake with whipped cream and a few sliced bananas makes an excellent dessert for luncheon.

MRS. W. H. C., Liberty, Ind.

GRAHAM BISCUIT—Three cups graham flour, one of white flour, three of buttermilk, two tablespoonfuls lard, one of sugar, one teaspoonful each of salt, soda and cream tartar.

Peppers, sweet and hot mixed, put through a food chopper and cooked after a juicy steak, then placed over the same, is delicious and a dish always appreciated by the men folks.

When cooking two chickens for the evening meal, stew, then select all the fleshy parts and fry. For breakfast have hot biscuit, split each one and lay on meat platter with gravy (from the evening before) poured over them. For lunch, take giblets and bony parts, chop fine with glass of English walnuts, put into a salad bowl, garnish with celery leaves and pour over all mayonnaise dressing.

Sandwiches for Sunday Evening—Cut home-made bread in thin slices, spread lightly with butter, then with the following: One egg, one-half teaspoonful each of salt, mustard, butter and one-half cup vinegar filled up with water. Beat all together and thicken over stove. Have one pint peanuts shelled and put through chopper—then stir into the above.

Plum Pudding—One pound each beef suet, French currants and raisins, the night before mixing pudding, take six large apples, chop fine, also chop suet and sprinkle flour over them. Cover in a crock until morning, then add two eggs, one-half pound brown sugar, one-half teaspoonful each of soda and salt, spice to taste. Mix all together and steam six hours. Serve with brandy sauce. This pudding can be heated as often as desired.

An old-fashioned pumpkin cut in halves, scalloped around the edges and lined with tissue paper, will make two dishes for fruit on Christmas day. MRS. W. B. P., Pittsburgh, Pa.

DELICIOUS PRUNE WHIP—Boil, stone and chop prunes enough for one cup after stoning and chopping, five tablespoonfuls of sugar, whites of six eggs, beaten stiff. Add the sugar to eggs, then, little by little, add the prunes. Bake 20 minutes. Serve with whipped cream. One-half the recipe is sufficient for four persons.

Cornmeal Griddle Cakes—Two cups cornmeal, one cup flour, one-half teaspoonful salt, one tablespoonful molasses, two teaspoonfuls baking powder. Mix with milk or water to thin batter. Bake on hot griddle. Lemon Cake—One cup sugar, one-half cup butter, three eggs, one-half cup milk, two cups of flour sifted with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Filling—Juice of two lemons, one and one-half cups powdered sugar, two eggs, boil until thick. Makes a very nice cake.

Uses of Common Baking Soda—A pinch of soda added to tough vegetables will hasten cooking. To freshen meat add small pinch of soda to water. To take stains from china, boil in a solution of soda. A little applied to a burn will prevent blistering and allay pain. Good Turpentine Polish—One-half pint linseed oil and one-half pint of gasoline. To curl ostrich feathers, steam the feathers over a kettle of boiling water and shake lightly over the fire until dry. To clean delicate silk waists, etc., have enough gasoline in covered vessel to cover article to be cleaned. Let stand all night in gasoline, in the morning rub off soiled places with clean cloth. Hang in the fresh air for a few hours. You will be surprised to see how like new your waist has become. Will some one kindly tell me how to clean black velvet?

MRS. A. P., Cambridge, O.

[Editor's Note—This method of renewing feathers may be good, but the application of dry heat has been found more efficacious.]

HAVE been reading Housewives' Reciprocity for some time and would like to add a little Recipe for Sour Meat—Stew lean pieces of boiling meat till tender, drain and chop in small pieces, return to broth, season, add two small onions, tie one tablespoonful mixed spices in bag, add vinegar to taste, stew till onions are done, thicken with flour and water. Use about two pounds of meat.

Fruit Cake—One cup brown sugar, one-half pound butter, yolk of one egg, one-half cup sour milk, one-half teaspoonful soda, one and one-half cups flour, one teaspoonful cloves, one teaspoonful cinnamon, one-fourth grated nutmeg, one cup raisins cut in half, one-half cup English walnuts. Use round pan with cylinder in the center; cover with boiled icing.

One Lemon Pie—Grated rind and juice of one lemon, one pint water, one cup sugar, yolks of two eggs, one-half cup flour. Mix lemon and water with sugar, put on to boil, add eggs beaten with flour, fill in crust while boiling, cover with whites of two eggs, beaten, and four tablespoonfuls sugar. Return to oven and brown. I always make crust first, bake and cool while cooking filling. I find that placing a small piece of bread in shell keeps paste from raising. Can easily be removed when done and is nicer than pricking dough.

MRS. N. O., Beaver Falls, Pa.

ENCLOSED you will find some very good recipes.

Prune Pudding—Three and one-half cups flour, one teaspoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful each cinnamon and nutmeg, one cup suet, chopped fine, one cup prunes, cut fine, cup sweet milk, one cup molasses, one teaspoonful soda, turn into buttered molds and steam three hours.

A Novel Dessert—Cook one quart of cranberries in one and one-half cups water, add two cups of sugar. When berries are soft put through colander. When cool put into a deep dish a layer of berries, then a layer of sliced bananas until the dish is full. Make a meringue with the whites of three eggs, two tablespoonfuls of sugar and add this to the top of the dish. Set in the oven to brown. It should be served cold.

Apple Snow—Make a corn starch custard; put in glass dish. Take the whites of one egg, one cup of powdered sugar, one large apple, grated. Beat all together for three-quarters of an hour, put on the custard and serve. Have custard cold before adding snow.

MRS. C. S. C., Millvale, Pa.

Can any one of our readers send in some good candy recipes?

FRUIT Preserves Without Cooking—Take any kind of fruit and put in deep dish; pour over boiling water to cover, then cover dish and let it remain until water is nearly cold. Take out one by one and rub skin off with coarse cloth, put one layer of fruit in a jar, cover thick with refined sugar, powdered and sifted; then put fruit and sugar alternately until jar is full, the sugar being last. Close and seal immediately and set jar in cool, dry place.

Preserved Pumpkin—Cut slices the thickness of a dollar from a fine yellow pumpkin, weigh them and allow to each pound of pumpkin chips one pound of sugar. Have ready one dozen fine lemons. Cut lemons in half and squeeze out juice—allow one gill of juice to each pound of pumpkin. Put pumpkin in pan laying sugar among it. Pour lemon juice over it, cover pan and let it stand over night. In the morning put all in preserving kettle and boil, skimming it well, until the pumpkin becomes clear and crisp. Boil half an hour or longer. When done take out the pumpkin, spread on a dish, strain syrup through a bag, put pumpkin in jars, pour syrup over it and seal.

Preserved Quinces—Pare and core sour quinces, taking out the parts that are defective. Cut in quarters, put into preserving kettle, cover with parings and a small quantity water, cover with lid to keep in steam, and boil until tender. Take out quinces and strain liquor through a bag. To every pint of liquor allow one pound of granulated sugar. Boil juice and sugar together, skimming it well, then put in quinces and boil gently 20 minutes longer. When the sugar seems to have completely penetrated them take out and put in glass jars and pour juice over them, warm and tie up or seal.

MRS. M. E. B., Cokeville, Pa.

I-Go-A-Gossipping

NOW that the merry season of gift-giving approacheth so close that we can see its shadow in our pocketbooks, now; I say, is the time to get right down in close touch with the spirit of generosity, which according to the wayside chats with girls, is brooding over the world today," remarked the Wayward One, apropos of nothing at all that I could connect.

"To begin with," he continued, "I'm going to ask you to behold the merry maidens making out long, long lists that read something like this:

"'Pen-wiper, for Sue Smith; one blotter, for Sarah Grimm; that-little - button-hook-I-got - last-year- and-don't-need, for Julia J., and-and— Oh, yes—Calendars! (Sotto voce, calendars are so cheap and easily made—lots of calendars. I think I'll give nearly everybody calendars!)

"'Men are such a nuisance—oh-yes-shaving balls!—loads of shaving balls. I do wish girls needed shaving balls—they're so easy. But the girls'll just have to take calendars that's all there is about it! If I go down that list with anything but calendars and shaving balls I'll never crack a tooth on a chocolate drop nor wink an eye at the Stock Company till next December.

"'Oh, Pshaw! I hate Christmas. I'd a good notion to get myself together and send 'em every blessed one, clear from Grand-dad down, a dear, lovely, little Christmas note-ekin bearing a message of Good Cheer and costing only a two-cent stamp and the time I'm in curl papers, anyway!

"Why doesn't that Harry-Lehr-man set the fashion of no Christmas presents, anyway—why doesn't he?

"'There now—twenty-seven calendars and-and—pen-wipers besides! Land o' sweet dreams! four dollars and ninety-three cents. This w-i-l-l-n-o-t-d-o. I'll have to go over that again and scratch some of 'em off!'

"Now, I say, can't you see the girls all digging away just like that, Mistress Pepys? Merry Christmas? why, it's about as merry as a turn in the court of bankruptcy unless you're a Cissy-Chadwick or something, and then all you have to do is to make notes instead of calendars. When you girls have prospects and must live up to 'em, gift-giving of any sort is all right in the abstract—when it gets concrete it bothers you. Anyway, I've a notion the ladies have a saving sense of the pennies. I know a few who have their own coin, and I tell you they can make that coin go farther and fare better even than the ladies who have little coin.

"No, madame, gift-giving is not a ladylike propensity—at least, I mean it is not generally a ladylike propensity, so far as my observation goes.

"Now take the matter of tips? Won't any porter turn white when he sees a train load of ladies? Why, the whiteness, Mistress Pepys? Just let me tell you it is because you all have such a keen sense of the worth of your money.

"Why last summer I went aboard a great, big, fashionable boat with several very well-to-do ladies. Now, one was powerful easily affected by the water. Rolling water made her feel ready and willing—yea, anxious for the next world, so you can understand how much she needed the services of the deck steward. But when the journey drew to an end the lady was noticed time and again to withdraw herself and settle into a deep think. What thought the lady I'll not, of course, be able to tell you, but I'll let you use your wits, so listen. Just as we had all handed over our little gratuities the lady in question appeared and smilingly engaged the deck steward in conversation.

"She thought so much of that deck steward that she just had to give him a token of her appreciation, and she did. She gave the devoted fellow one of those old, old, fashioned two-cent pieces which she told him was a very rare coin, but she really felt that she would like to give him something out of the ordinary as a souvenir, she was so grateful to him—he had been so good to her.

"No, it wasn't a joke. The lady used her wits to save her purse. No flies on the ladies when it comes to financiering, my friend!

"She was awfully good and thoughtful, too—she polished up that two-cent piece 'till it looked like a coin of the true yellow metal. I'm certain that for a whole second, even the well-trained eye of that deck steward was deceived into thinking that the unexpected had happened and he had struck a precious prize package in the little water-sick lady.

"There were mostly ladies on that trip, and as it was a fresh water trip I had a lot of time to myself and I looked around and gathered some lively data.

"Ha-Ha-Ha," howled the Wayward One slapping himself as though he were house-cleaning a sofa-cushion. "Ha-Ha! did I tell you about another seasick lady and her chewing gum? No? you don't want to hear it? you think it's all lies? It's the gospel truth, God wot! I can prove it by some of your Allegheny friends.

"Ever been on those Great Lake boats? You know chewing gum costs ten cents on 'em instead of five, but even at that the little lakesick lady was so sick that she just had to fork over that extra five cents, but she got the worth of her money. She chewed that gum through the whole trip.

"How do I know? Why, I sat next her at table and one time the waiter removed the course when she wasn't looking, so she got up and rushed after him and grabbed the plate and pulled her little wad off the side, and when she triumphantly returned to her seat I saw her put it in her little Peggy-from-Pittsburgh, so it would be ready for service any minute. She apologetically informed me, whom she had smothered in soup through her hasty departure, that she was afraid to let go that chew-gum for fear the stock on the boat would run out! A whopper like that was worth a condemned sight more than a nickel, don't you think, Mistress Pepys? But she did do it, too, hope-I-may-die if she didn't" earnestly asseverated the Wayward One going right on with his monologue, and paying no more attention to the expression on my face than he did to my deprecating remarks.

"You never heard of anything like that? You have a mighty scant memory, my lady. Do you mean to tell me you never heard of the very rich lady who took the wedding gifts back to the tinners and had him exchange them for things she really could use. Never heard of that? Well, you go 'round and call on the Old-Fashioned Lady—she'll tell you a merry tale of that rich lady. She'll tell you how the same lovely dame who has scads to burn used to take her pickle bottles back to the market ladies and make the market ladies give her a rebate on her next pickle purchase.

"Oh, yes, it is ancient history—it's before the day of pickle and preserving firms, but those same ladies are circulating 'round yet just the same. There a little bit worse for wear and tear, but they're still on the carpet. And didn't you hear how a rich lady, who gave a dance for her debutante daughter made her own favors for the Cotillion—didn't hear that? Well, I'll just let you know that all the blotters and tissue paper roses and sich were made a whole summer before when the lady and her very lively daughters were resting up against the summer-time of entertaining and the winter time of the debut. And I know another very important lady who always sells her last year's bonnets to the Little Daughters of a poor brother. You see she really doesn't want to spoil those girls or bring 'em up in the mistaken notion that finery does not come high.

"Oh. Then I know another girl who has a fine appreciation of art and a large pocketbook and a poor relation who paints. Now this gentle soul to encourage her poor relation who paints always has the poor relation paint her things for wedding gifts. Everybody is just dying, anxious to get engaged or something, so she can have one of these lovely water color things. You see she's so anxious to encourage the poor relation that she has an order in all the time and one time in one of those emotionally outburstful periods that ladies get sometimes, she told me she had Cousin Sue paint them because Sue painted so well and she could give her just what she thought the picture was worth to her. It was money in Sue's pocket, she explained, and it was all right for her, too, because she never gave Sue more than half as much as she would have to pay if she bought in the shops. Never thought anything about the confidence. Thought she was being kind to Sue. Got a great reputation for generosity and artistic sense and appreciation and saved her coin.

"No frenzied finance among the ladies, Mistress Pepys, none that I can see," concluded the Wayward One who said he'd really have to get something for his liver—the way he felt now there was no merry Christmas dinner for him.

Mistress Pepys.

HER PRIZE-WINNER

By OTHO B. SENGA.

A HUNDRED DOLLARS! It seemed a great fortune to the shabby little seamstress. If only she dared try! She knew the story she would write. It wasn't her story—Jack had told it to her, but Jack wouldn't mind if she wrote it.

She would only need to write it as Jack had told it—Jack was so unconsciously dramatic. She had seen everything so clearly during his recital, the weary marches, the terrible charges—for the story was of Jack's experiences in the Philippines. She seemed to hear his voice again, and to see the kindling light in his clear, brave eyes.

Yes, it was a wonderful story, true and beautiful, the story of a man who was great enough to give up that which was dearer than life for love of his friend, who was brave enough to bear misunderstanding and ridicule, and utter no word of resentment for his friend's sake. It was all so clear and plain to her, and she felt sure that everyone who read it would feel its beauty and its pathos just as she had done.

So the shabby little seamstress wrote out Jack's story of his dead friend, and copied it in her quaint, old-fashioned writing. Then she read again the conditions of the contest. She was sure she had complied with them all. Then her eyes rested longingly on the big figures at the top: "$100. Cash prize offer."

There couldn't be a better story than hers, she thought, and she had a right to take pride in it. It wasn't as if she had tried to "make up" a story—this was a true story, just as Jack had told it to her.

The decision was to be rendered on October first. She grew quite feverish as the time drew near. She hadn't had so very much to eat, but then she wasn't hungry at all, and her room-rent must be paid. She lived in a tiny room, fourth story back, in a crowded brick house, and she might often have been lonely and discouraged but for the happy thoughts in her heart when she remembered Jack's parting words: "I have told you the story of my friend, Anita. When I come back I shall have a story of my own to tell."

But the time seemed very long, and of late she had not been well, and the fines imposed by Madam Finnegan's forewoman had diminished her scanty wages. But when she received that hundred dollars she would buy some medicine and some better food. And perhaps she might find employment where the work was not so hard as at Madam Finnegan's, and where the fine system was not so rigorously enforced.

She wouldn't look for the check until the 3d or the 4th. She couldn't expect them to hurry. She must be reasonable. They could not understand how great was her need of that hundred dollars. But when the 5th and the 6th and the 7th went by and no check or letter came, her heart failed. Her story—Jack's story—had not taken the prize after all!

The weary days dragged into weeks. Madam Finnegan's energetic forewoman had recommended the dismissal of the shabby little seamstress, and her recommendation had been instantly carried out. Madam Finnegan prized a forewoman who had her interests at heart.

The shabby little seamstress lay upon the hard bed in the tiny room, fourth story back, too sick to rise; and yet she must, for she had no money to pay the rent of the room, and the landlady would have no one there who did not pay in advance.

She did not know that the last number of the magazine by which the prize had been offered contained this announcement: "Owing to the great number of manuscripts received just at the close of the contest, it will be impossible to render a final decision before the first of November."

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"Does Miss Anderson live here?"

The hard-faced landlady opened the door narrowly and peeped out.

"Yes," she admitted reluctantly, "there's a queer little shabby woman in the fourth story back—that may be her name, but you'll have to go up yourself to see if she's there. And tell her that her rent is due tomorrow, and she'd better have it ready. And here's a letter that came this morning—I can't be goin' up three flights of stairs just for that."

The shabby little seamstress rose with an effort to answer the knock at her door, and there stood Jack—big, brave, loving Jack.

No words were needed to tell his story now. The glad cry from the shabby little woman gave the answer he wanted, and he took her in his arms tenderly.

"I brought up a letter for you," he said later. "I suppose it's a valuable one; it's thin enough.

She hurriedly opened the envelope. She did not wait to read the letter, for a check for a hundred dollars fell out.

"Oh, Jack!" she cried, "my story—our story—your story has won the prize!"

"I don't know exactly what you mean," said Jack in a puzzled tone; "your pronouns are tremendously confusing, but my story has surely won a prize—your own dear self, Anita."

The shabby little seamstress sighed happily. "It is a wonderful story, Jack."

PAST USE.

Spring—and the fluttering stir
Of two soft, gray wings;
Blue eggs, and a gabled roof
Where a glad bird sings.

Autumn—the turning sere
Of the rainbowed leaves;
And swinging, forsaken and brown,
A nest in the eaves.

—Allan Munier, in Ainslee's.

Practical Lessons in Jiu-Jitsu

The Japanese Physical Training

By ELIZABETH BEVEREDGE.

PART IX.

IN PREVIOUS lessons the "resistant theory" was explained. Those who have been following this work will by this time have realized that each muscle is developed and made strong by the resistance of another muscle. Whenever a new exercise is to be learned, the muscles required for its performance must be brought into proper play by using some other muscle resistantly against it. Thus it is clearly shown how double benefit results from jiu-jitsu, as two sets of muscles are working in any given exercise, instead of one set, as is common in our own physical culture systems. Even the most accomplished user of dumb-bells and clubs will not effect so much strengthening and development of muscle in the same length of time, as will the jiu-jitsu student.

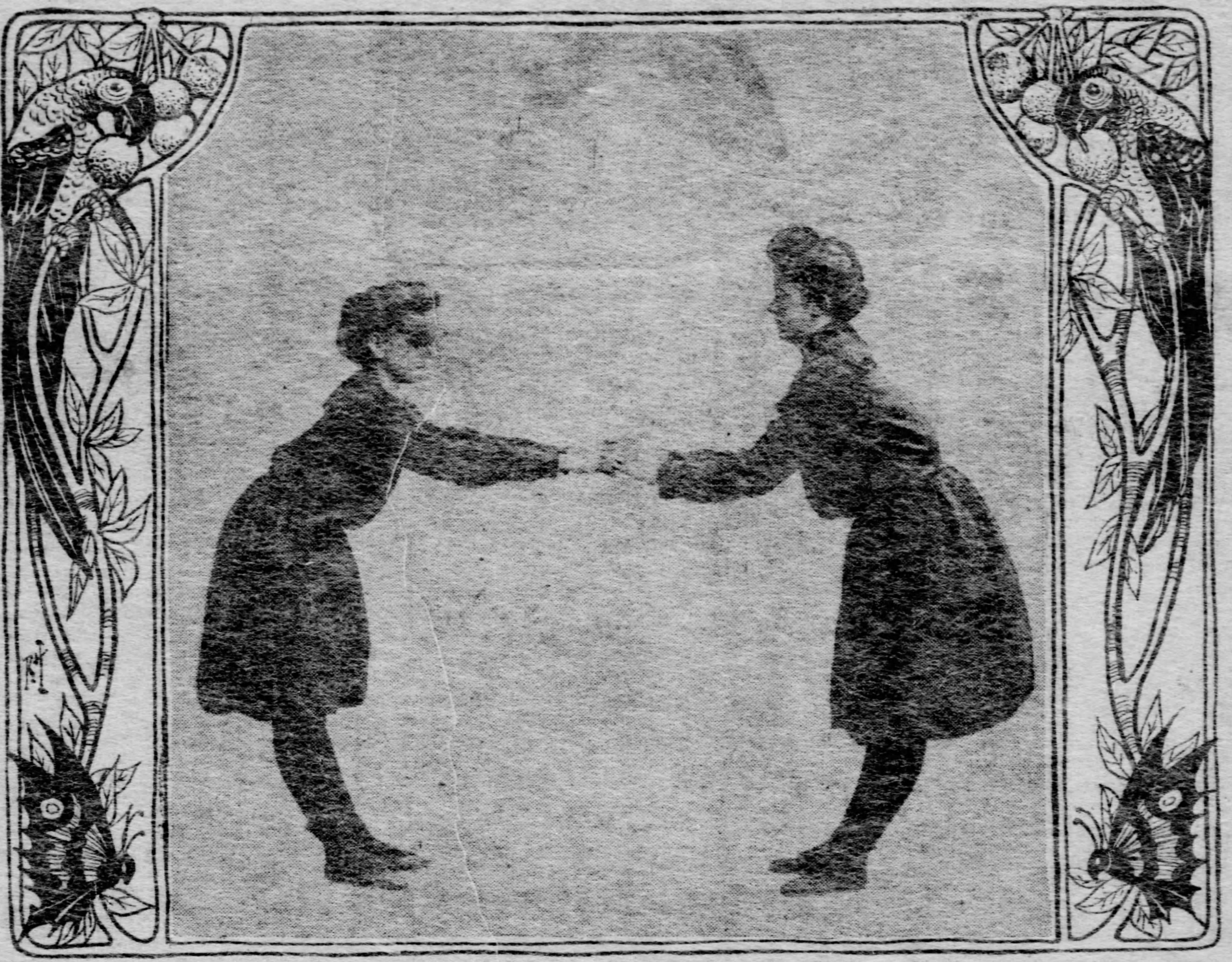
In the Japanese schools of jiu-jitsu for women, when the pupil has reached a proper stage of the training, she is encouraged to invent and discover all sorts of exercises, and become independent of the instructor. Of course the instructor stays with her and watches that she does not undertake anything useless or harmful. He teaches that any resistant play of the muscles is of value if it does not cause undue fatigue or strain.

Today's lesson is a "struggle" of the tug-of-war kind, the game so often played in childhood now presented as a very useful exercise for the whole body, but especially the back. The American woman is afflicted with a weak back, and any exercises which strengthen and help it affect the general health for good.

To take the exercise the contestants stand facing each other, feet apart, and body bent over. The opposing hands are clasped, the fingers interlaced, and then each tries to pull the other over forward, keeping up until the fatigue point is in sight. Naturally in such a struggle the opponents strength should be equalized as much as possible, and the very strong pupil must not be allowed to tire out the very weak one. This exercise will bring fatigue first of all to the back, and should be taken cautiously, therefore. A minute of struggle employed in this way should be enough, then followed by deep breathing, and by just one more struggle of the same kind when both pupils are breathing properly again. The accompanying photograph shows the proper position for this exercise, and when the attitude is once taken nothing is needed, but that the contestants begin to pull each other forward.

A little home sketch of the servant problem as it is treated in Japan may not be inappropriate, and may suggest something to those women who are harassed with untrained and impertinent servants.

A tourist in Japan naturally does not come much in contact with the upper class Japanese servant, whose social position in his own country, is considerably higher than that of a small tradesman. A Japanese housemaid, for instance, would not consider that she was bettering herself by marrying the son of a tradesman, or going into "business" as she would in England, for domestic service in Japan has always been ranked higher than trade, which until lately was considered by all Japanese a means of living with which no self-respecting man should soil his hands. The tourist in Japan, unless he has introductions to English residents in the country, can, therefore, only judge Japanese servants by the rather rough and ready class of men who have learned sufficient pidgin English to understand the wishes and orders of their oft-changed masters. The traveler soon picks up enough pidgin Japanese to make himself understood by his bed-room boy, whose pidgin English is only skin deep. Pidgin, Prof. Chamberlain says, is merely a corruption form of the word business. Hotel servants and boarding-house servants, be they Asiatics or Europeans, are pretty much the same all the world over. They are what their "tips" make them; whereas private servants in Japan are what their hearts and breeding make them. For even house servants in this land of great peace have to go through a severe course of training in etiquette in their youth, a training quite apart from that of their profession. There is no great gulf fixed between the duties mistress and maid in a native household, or in the occupations of their daily life. But their exquisite taste, a sixth sense, prevents their ever presuming to overstep the limits of familiarity prescribed. I remember once being very much at sea when I was taken to pay a call on a Japanesee lady of the well-to-do class. Not being able to speak a word of the language, at that time, I was unable to follow the conversation which took place between the charming little woman who greeted us at the inner shutters and my friend. She was dressed in the soft grey kimono and obi of a middle-aged woman, and her exquisite manner and gentleness made me feel as heavy as my leather boots sounded on the delicate floor matting compared to her soft white foot gloves. My friend addressed her as San, and seemed to speak to her just as a guest would to her hostess. We had tea on the floor, and my friend chatted pleasantly for some time with the little grey figure, when suddenly the sound of ricksha-wheels on the gravel path outside caught my ears, and the next instant there was the scuffling of many tabi'd feet along the polished wooden passage which led to the front door, and the eager cry of "O Kaeri! O Kaeri!" (Honorable return). Our hostess pro tem. rose from her knees, smiled, and begged us to excuse her honorable rudeness. When she had hurried off to join in the welcome cry, my friend said, "Oh, I am glad she has come!"



Ninth Exercise in Jiu-Jitsu.

"Who has come?" I asked. "The lady we came to see," she said. "Then who was the charming little lady who poured out tea for us," I asked. My friend smiled. "Oh, that was only the housemaid." This and many other details of domestic life were explained to me later.

Then I found that it is etiquette in Japan for the upper servants to entertain any visitor in their mistress's absence, and although her mistress and master will address her by her Christian name, and speak to her in the correct inflection of voice for addressing an inferior, etiquette demands that visitors should call her San, and speak to her in tones of equality. The custom which compels a good Japanese wife of even the upper class to perform certain menial duties towards her husband and children herself, and always to act as personal maid and valet to her honorable parents-in-law, naturally has the effect of raising the position of domestic service and of making servants feel as though they were members of one family with their employers. Indeed, it always seemed to me in Japan that servants had a very much better time than their mistresses. They have plenty of freedom; they can never be hard worked, for there is never any hard work to do in a paper house which has no furniture, no coal cellars, and no stairs. Besides, to the western mind a Japanese house always contains four times as many servants as are necessary to do the small amount of work. They spend their time in being polite to each other. Of course they receive very small wages. The young kitchen servants, for instance, often get nothing but their rice and clothes, and the certainty of a happy, peaceful home, where they are well cared for and courteously treated. They have endless holidays, and often accompany their master and mistress to picnics, the theater, or to the temple fairs. It is a very familiar domestic sight in Japan to see a bevy of clean, gentle-voiced, well-behaved servants playing chess in some cool courtyard or servants' hall at the back of a house. In the front garden the family will doubtless be playing, too. There is, however, one very hard and fast line drawn, and that is between men's and women's quarters in the house, both of the servants and of the family. Men and women never eat together or sit together or have their clothes kept in the same room, even if they are husband and wife. Each tiny child has an attendant of its own. This, of course, must give a certain amount of work.

O-Ku is the name given to the part of the house where the lady of the house always resides during the early part of the day, when her servants must know where she is to be found; but though etiquette demands that every morning she must give her orders and direct the household work, her servants will only carry out her wishes according to their own ideas of what is best for her. No Japanese servant will ever condescend to be turned into a human machine. Even in the most perfectly appointed house he retains his individuality, although he will fall upon his hands and knees when he enters your presence. But he evidently believes in the motto of his country, "Give genius a chance," for he persists in using his own brains instead of those of his master or mistress.

When you cease worrying as to how a thing is done so long as it is well done, you will find a Japanese servant a treasure. But if you are jealous of your authority and prejudiced in favor of your own methods of doing household things, you will tear your hair and gnash your teeth and call him a lazy scoundrel.

Very much the same spirit exists in Japan between mistress and maid at it does in Italy, and surely from a humane point of view it is better. It is not offensive to the gentle heart of a Japanese mistress to let her servants enjoy or benefit by all the little pleasing incidents which make up everyday home life in Japan. When fairy stories or historical romances are being related at night by the head of the family round the bronze hibachi, the servants may sit and listen at a discreet distance, laughing and commenting on the story as freely as their superiors.

In the morning, when the master of the house goes off to business, it is etiquette for the servants as well as his wife to hurry to the door to speed his departure. In the morning the servants greet their master or mistress with the expression, "O-Hayo!" ("It is honorably early.") In the afternoon, with "Konnichiwa!" ("Today!"), and in the evening with "Komban wa! ("This evening!".

Europeans who reside in Japan usually pay their servants board wages, and allow them to feed themselves, but this is not the custom in a native house of a well-to-do class, where a house steward is always kept to do the shopping, look after the servants, guard his mistress's interests and his own, and generally run the establishment. He is a person of great importance, and, of course, of a much higher class than the kuramaya or the betto (horse-groom), if one is kept, for these two, like their western brothers of the stables, generally drink and gamble away the greater part of their wages.

Personal cleanliness is a virtue all Japanese servants possess. It is no unusual thing for a servant to apologize for not having had time to take a bath more than three times that day.

No Japanese servant is so wanting in good breeding as to give direct notice to her mistress. Nothing is direct in Japan, for their language does not contain the word "No." Nor does a mistress, on hiring a new servant, tell to her face that she will not suit her. A polite excuse has to be sent to her through a third party. When a servant wishes to leave she asks to visit a sick relative. When the date for her returning arrives a magnificently worded apology is sent, saying that the relative is dead and that she cannot be spared to leave her home. When a servant is rebuked or scolded he must smile like a Chinese cat. This etiquette in smiles is very misleading at first. I often used to think that Taki, my riksha boy, meant to be impertinent when he insisted on smiling while I was angry with him, but when he told me of the death of his little child with a burst of laughter I knew that this was only one of the curious details of etiquette in this topsy-turvy land.

The meeting of two servants belonging to neighbors is to European eyes almost as formal a function as a presentation at court. They will smile correctly at the correct distance from each other. On drawing nearer they smile again according to the etiquette prescribed, and then, after bows of the finest and most minute significance, the gardener of one house will address the betto (horse-groom) of another with some such phrase as "It is long since I have hung upon your honorable eyelids!" And the other will answer, "Please excuse my rudeness at the last time we met."

GOD expects us during the day to expend our forces; yes, and to open ourselves to anxiety, it may be, but when the day is ended God expects us to lay both ourselves and our burdens in His arms, so that worry by night is more of a weakness than many of us realize. Your work is not going to be done any better tomorrow by virtue of your worry and anxiety by night. I don't want you to think that it is possible always, at all times, to lay aside our cares with our clothes, but I do say this is the normal thing to do, and it is a habit into which we should grow; it is a spiritualizing of one of the common things in every 24 hours. There is a storehouse of energizing forces with its doors wide open for us to enter and draw therefrom to clothe our nakedness and feed our hunger.

The Impertinence of Charles Edward

BY H. G. RHODES

"HAS YOUR SISTER CHANGED HER COOK, CAROLINE?"

MOST PEOPLE WHO know Charles Edward Austin and Lady Angela have heard the story of their first meeting. But, although every one ought to know this amazing and delightful couple, many do not; so the tale is worth telling. It is rather surprising that it has never found its way into the newspapers, for the marriage attracted great attention.

Charles Edward's reputation at Harvard had caused a number of elderly Boston women to say that he must be quite mad. But since his graduation, which, to every one's astonishment, he accomplished with honors, very little had been heard of him. He had been making, in leisurely fashion, a tour around the world.

In June of '98 he had progressed as far as Paris, coming from the east, and after leaving there he met, on the boat crossing the channel, Edward Singer, whom he had known at Cambridge when he himself was a sophomore and Singer a senior. "Since that time I have been graduated and seen a good many places that any one, even Cook's people, can see; while you've been somewhere," was the polite way in which Charles Edward summed up their interchange of confidences. Singer was going to London with the manuscript of a book on eastern Turkestan in his luggage. He had been there for two years, and when Charles Edward announced that he considered his friend the only authority on Central Asia, he only uttered the unspoken hope of Singer's heart.

"HERE IT COMES," SAID CHARLES EDWARD BENEATH HIS BREATH

Strange to relate, the train drew into Charing Cross station on time. It was the second time that month that this had happened, a porter remarked with admiration, and it was only the 28th. When the train does arrive when it should one can go to one's hotel, dress comfortably, and dine at a reasonable hour. Even authorities on Central Asia must eat and go to the Gaiety theater, Charles Edward said; so 9 o'clock found the two friends finishing coffee on the terrace of the Savoy, while the fading light over the river and the gardens began to grow a deep purplish blue by contrast with the glow inside.

"Ought we to go on to the theater?" asked Singer, after consulting his watch.

"Some time, I suppose," was the answer. "But when I was here before, a long time ago, I learned one great fact about English life, which is that no one has ever seen the beginning of a Gaiety piece. It wouldn't be legal, I believe. What the first half of the first act is like is one of the great mysteries of London.

"That sounds enormously experienced. Joking aside, do you know London well?"

"I have a few esoteric bits of information like that, but—know London? No."

It was a pleasant sight even for one who was not fresh from the regions of the barbarians. Half the tables were still filled, and the restaurant, with its low ceiling and its dark, mahogany-paneled walls, looked like a warm, glowing cave. At a table near by a party of eight were dining. Facing Austin sat a girl with a quiet face, but an infinite fund of laughter in her eyes. Not much description is needed; every one has seen Lady Angela's portrait in the illustrated papers. Charles Edward withdrew his gaze from her.

"Mind!" he exclaimed. "Rather not. No, I don't know anybody here. I have a cousin who has bagged an English husband. If she were here she would fix me. But the silly woman has chosen just this time to go to America on a visit. She is sending some letters for me, I believe, but they haven't come. And she won't be back herself for three weeks or so. But even if one got acquainted, one couldn't be sure of getting acquainted with just the people one wants to know."

His eye rested again upon the girl at the table near by.

"How ridiculous all this business of introductions is anyhow, Singer. Here you and I are for only a little time. We should love to give dinners here every night and ask quantities of these charming people. We can't, because we don't know them. And so we've got to spend all the time we have for London in making friends and getting ready to enjoy it."

"It's a dazzling prospect, but if I gave dinners every night they would soon degenerate into buns and milk at the—what do they call 'em, the A B. C shops. You can talk about the Savoy."

"That's nothing." Austin was honestly modest about his money. "I don't exactly know what the current quotations on Central Asian books are, but I'll bet that in two weeks you will sell yours for hundreds of guineas, crowns, florins and ha'pence of their ridiculous money. But until then I'll be the host at our dinners."

"I might venture to do that myself, I suppose as long as we don't know any one to ask."

"Yes, I suppose you must know them," meditated Charles Edward. Then suddenly, "I have an idea, Singer."

"Don't boast," his companion counseled.

"Will you dine here with me a week from tonight?"

"Gladly," laughed Singer; "that's simple."

"And wouldn't you rather be surrounded by distinguished Londoners and beautiful English women than to feed alone with me?"

"Yes, I should."

"Then you shall. I have an idea." This with a gesture.

"Don't knock over that bottle. I'll come to dinner, but you won't get any one else. I don't believe that even good dinners like this are so rare in London that people will come to dine with a total stranger in order to get one."

"Oh, but they shall think they know me."

"If you are going to do it under an assumed name, why not issue a royal command for a state dinner at Buckingham palace?"

"I shall use my own name of Charles Edward Austin."

"But how?"

"That's my idea." And Austin sent for the head waiter. "You can give me a private room for a dinner of 10 or 12 this night of next week, can't you?" he inquired of that gentleman. "I'll come in later and order dinner. Austin is the name. Wednesday, yes. Oh, by the bye," as the maitre d'hotel turned to go, "can you tell me, is that lady in white at the next table Lady Susan Simpkins? I think I know her, but I'm not sure."

"No, sir, that is Lady Angela Farnston."

"Oh," said Charles Edward, putting a note of disappointment into his voice. "She is ,let me see——"

"She is Lord Emscott's daughter."

"Of course. Thanks, so much," and then to Singer, as Monsieur Rodelphe moved away. "I know one person I shall ask. Let's go to the Gaiety."

The valet at the Berkeley hotel took away from Mr. Austin's room on Thursday evening a huge pile of weekly and daily papers. They were numbers of the Gossiping Times for the past three months, with portraits and anecdotes, one might have thought, of half the people of England. The smoking room waiter observed a guest that afternoon deep for hours in the "Blue Book," "Who's Who," and "Burke's Peerage." A clerk in a Piccadilly bookshop sold an irreproachable looking young American a copy of "The Polite Letter Writer." And that evening Charles Edward consigned a number of letters to the post. A glimpse at a few of them may not be uninteresting.

The first was addressed to the Countess of Emscott.

"Dear Lady Emscott—I hope you will remember me, and that you and Lord Emscott will pardon rather short notice, if you are free, dine next Wednesday, the Savoy, 8:30. I can't even call on you before then as in the interval I may have to go north. A fellow countryman of mine, Edward Singer, is coming, and as all London is clamoring to know him soon, on account of his exploits in Eastern Turkestan, I am seizing the earliest opportunity to profit by my friendship with a new celebrity.

"Do you remember promising me at Monte Carlo last February that I should meet your daughter in London? Will you bring Lady Angela to dine? It will just make my number even. Yours most sincerely,

"CHARLES EDWARD AUSTIN."

"Is there anything interesting in your letters, mother?" asked Lady Angela the following morning at breakfast in Grosvenor Crescent.

"Nothing much. Invitations. One from a Mr. Austin whom I seem to have met last winter at Monte Carlo."

"Who was he, Caroline?" asked her husband.

"That's what I don't seem to remember, Frederick, Helena Frampton always had a great many young men about. I forget their names."

"You would, dear Caroline, wouldn't you?" His wife's uncertain memory was one of the few trials of his life.

"I remember hearing of him," said Angela, "from Mrs. Frampton. Mother was considered to have flirted disgracefully with him."

"Angela, you are outrageous," Lady Emscott gasped.

"Yes, I know I am. What night does he want us to dine?"

Lady Emscott read the note.

"That 'fellow countryman' means that he is an American," observed Lady Angela.

"We certainly shan't dine with him when your mother doesn't remember him."

"I remember him well enough, Frederick; that is as well as I remember any of Helena's young men."

"Wednesday is a free evening," was Lady Angela's comment. She cared very little for unoccupied hours during the London season.

"It doesn't need to be," said her mother. "Your Aunt Emily wants us to come there that night. And afterward—where is her note? Oh, afterward there will be some more people in and a little talk on the housing problem by an expert from the county council."

Lord Emscott looked up apprehensively from the Times.

"Has your sister changed her cook, Caroline?"

"No, I don't think so."

"We know the Savoy hasn't, father."

"That quite apart, perhaps Eastern Turkestan interests me fully as much as the housing problem. I think we had better accept, Caroline."

The Gossiping Times said that Mrs. Fred Wilding was a lion hunter. Charles Edward's note to her was a simple task.

"Dear Mrs. Wilding—Will you dine with one American to meet another, Wednesday next, the Savoy, 8:30? Edward Singer is my lion. He is just back from Central Asia and is going to make us forget Landor and Sven Hedin in no time. I am also asking Lord and Lady Emscott and the William Northbridges. Yours most sincerely, "CHARLES EDWARD AUSTIN."

Mrs. Wilding remarked to a friend the next afternoon that really it was getting to a point in London where you rarely knew your host or hostess, or they you. But she asked in the next sentence whether Lady Wynche knew Edward Singer, the great explorer. Singer, it appeared, would be coming to Mrs. Wilding's one day shortly.

The William Northbridges declined Mr. Austin's kind invitation with great promptness, but Buxton, who is a F. R. G. S., and who thought that he himself knew something of Central Asian matters, accepted with alacrity. Mrs. Buxton would also come.

Mr. and Mrs. Revell have lived in London for years, although they are Americans. Charles Edward did not know them, so the rules of his game allowed him to ask them. Yet his conscience troubled him a little when he thought that because they knew the same set of people in New York that he did, the difficulties of conversation with them would be trifling. And when Mrs. Revell wrote to say that she had known her host's mother and thought she must have trotted him upon her knee in his early youth, Charles Edward, to whom this information was wholly unexpected, had a moment when he felt that he had behaved, to Singer at least, like an utter cad. But he overcame these pangs of remorse and ordered his dinner.

Charles Edward's plan of campaign involved more expense than is usual, even at a smart London restaurant. He took a private sitting room next his private dining-room, and impressed upon the waiter in attendance be-

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LITTLE POEMS OF GREATER PITTSBURGH

Number Fifty-Two.

The Pictorial Hymnal or Sinful Squeers

The Squeers have inhabited Pittsburgh so long,
That they're genuine sons of the soil,
They have ever been noted as men who were strong
For rackets, religion or toil;
On Saturday nights they have painted things red,
And this taste for excitement's transmitted, 'tis said
To the Squeers of the present who'd rather be dead
Than quiet. But hark to this coil.

The son of the house just at present's a youth,
Who dotes upon feminine wiles,
And on the strict quiet (now this is the truth)
He revels in chorus girls' smiles.
Yet on Sundays, here too, his good ancestry shows,
He rigs himself up in superior clothes,
And his hymnbook in hand, he religiously goes,
Down to the church—several miles.

Now the church he attends in a theater's held,
But the Thespian forces of sin,
From the precincts on Sundays are always expelled,
And only the good may go in.
So on Sundays our hero may always be seen
With his hymnbook, his numerous yawns for to screen.
Yea, high is his look and austere is his mein
As he waits for the chant to begin.

One Sunday as young Mr. Squeers took his seat,
A package he found on the floor,
He opened the thing—and his heart stopped a beat—
For there were a dozen or more
Most beautiful pictures of chorus girls fair,
Of costume most scant and of smile debonaire
And into his hymnal he tucked them with care—
He'd find out who they were, that he swore.

It was noticed that Sunday, that Squeers didn't sing
With his usual vigor and vim,
Though he studied his hymnbook a lot, not a thing
Was he thinking of service or hymn.
Ah, no, he was dreaming of gay "Mother Goose."
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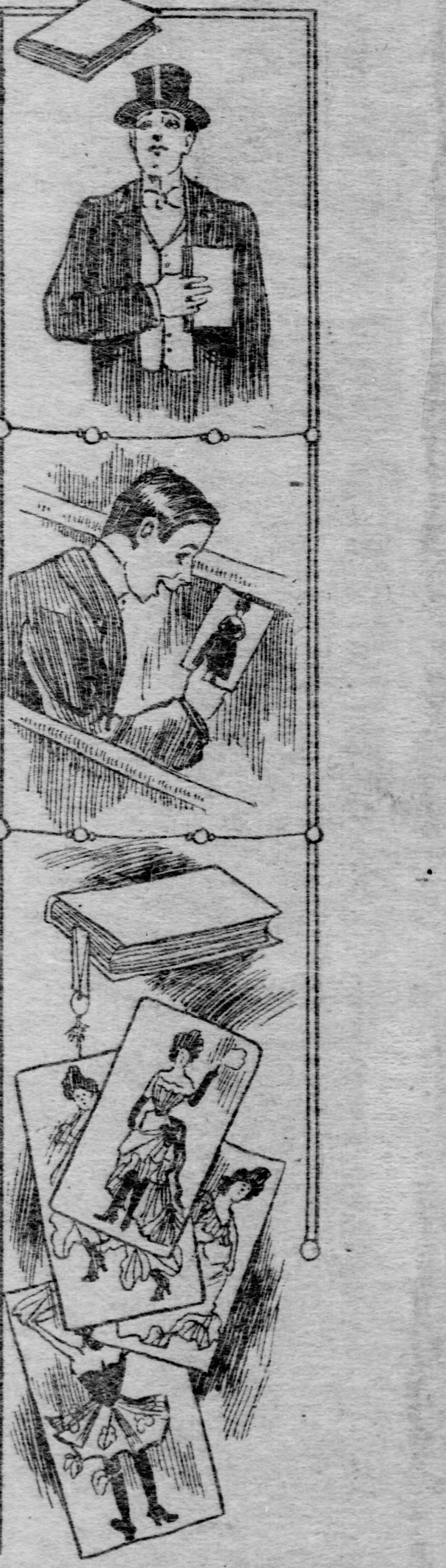
Ever since, he's been trying to frame an excuse,
For those pictures were FOUND in his book—'tis no use
Folks are getting suspicious of him.



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fore dinner the necessity of announcing the names of arrivals with great distinctness.

"Well, Austin, I suppose you think you're going to bring it off. Do you really expect a dinner party of strangers?"

"No," he answered; "I gave it up, old chap."

The Buxtons were announced.

"It is good of you to come, Mrs. Buxton, since I knew your husband so slightly. But Mr. Singer insisted on my venturing to ask Mr. Buxton. How are you, Buxton? Have you been speaking again before the Geographical Society since the time I met you? That must have been over a year ago." He introduced Singer, and Mrs. Wilding was announced.

"I am in great luck to get you, Mrs. Wilding," was the greeting she received.

"Yes, you are," she admitted. "I had to manage it, I can tell you. I was engaged to some cousins of mine for tonight. But if Mr. Singer is to burst upon London—Now fetch me Mr. Singer." An introduction followed.

Next came the Revells, and their host, to his shame be it said, almost welcomed the feeling of security which they gave him. The arrival of the Emscott party interrupted Mrs. Revell's flow of anecdote concerning Charles Edward's childhood. Charles Edward, inwardly agitated, though outwardly calm enough, greeted these guests, and prayed that dinner would be announced at once.

"I am seating people a little unconventionally," he explained to Lady Emscott, who smiled vaguely in reply. "You ought to be at my right, of course. But I know you will want to be next to Mr. Singer and so, if I am to keep husbands and wives and fathers and daughters apart, I can't have you next me. It isn't rudeness."

Charles Edward had worked the problem out by making many charts of the dinner table on the Berkeley's best notepaper. He felt he had it happily arranged.

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The Usurper

A Christmas Story

By Mary E. Wilkins Freeman

"MISS ALICE MAY OPENED THE DAINTY LITTLE WHITE BOX INNOCENTLY ENOUGH"

A WEEK before Christmas there was a meeting held in the schoolhouse of district No. 2 to arrange for a tree on Christmas eve. There were present the teacher, Miss Alice May, the three committeemen and the wife of one of them, who never trusted her husband to make a decision without her oversight and assistance, and the minister. The minister had been especially requested to be present, as the arrangements were considered to partake of a religious nature. The minister was a very young and very timid man and this was his first parish. He had the inclination to be a diplomat, without the requisite genius. He wished to please everybody and be on all sides, and had not the mental agility necessary to accomplish it. Consequently he sat in a place of honor, an armchair on the platform beside the teacher, and he looked miserable. There was for the first time what the people considered quite a serious question involved in connection with the Christmas tree. There was always a Christmas tree and there had always been a Santa Claus. Mr. Elias Jones' buffalo coat had served for a garment from time immemorial, and there was a Santa Claus mask with long white beard, and a white beard, which was one of the perquisites of No. 2. Now for the first time the question had arisen as to whether it was right to have a Santa Claus at all. The three committeemen, Mrs. Fisher, the wife of the eldest committeeman, the teacher and the minister, were considering the matter.

The teacher considered the matter wholly from the point of view of the scholars. "They will be so disappointed if there is no Santa Claus," said she. Miss Alice May, although not so very young, was very pretty and was called an excellent teacher. She was said to have good government and yet she made herself loved by the pupils. No. 2 was considered very lucky to have her for a teacher. It was thought fortunate for the village that she had not married Frank Osborne, to whom she had been engaged five years before. In fact, her wedding outfit had been all ready, when a difference arose between them; nobody ever knew exactly what it had been. Miss May wore tonight one of the gowns which had belonged to her wedding outfit. It was a brown cashmere, with exceedingly pretty pink trimming, and it was very becoming. Mrs. Joseph Fisher, looking at her, remembered that it had been one of the teacher's intended wedding gowns, and she thought privately that she could not have cared very much or she could not wear it with such a smiling face. She was to have been married at Christmas time, too. She thought that it must bring it all back to her, and yet her cheeks were as pink as roses and she was smiling as if she had never had a care in the world. For some reason Mrs. Joseph Fisher, who had never been, although she had kept it to herself, entirely satisfied with her own husband, felt exasperated. "It seems to me it isn't the question whether the scholars are disappointed or not," said she sharply. She was a sharp-faced little woman, and her husband was large and lumbering and apt to hesitate in his speech. Everybody said that Joseph Fisher would never have been elected school committeeman if it had not been for his wife; that she told him what to say every time or he would never dare to open his mouth. Mrs. Fisher spoke with a sibilant hiss, and she worked her face a good deal when speaking. "It seems to me that is not the question at all," she said again.

Then there was heard a confused rumble of masculine bass at her side equivalent to that was not the question at all. "It seems to me that all we ought to look at is whether it is right," said Mrs. Joseph Fisher, and she spoke with an air of stern virtue. Mr. Joseph Fisher at her right was heard to give vent to an incoherent rumble of assent, and the other two committeemen bowed their heads solemnly. Then the minister spoke. He realized that it was incumbent upon him, although he shrank from voicing his opinion.

"The question is, it seems to me," he said, addressing Miss Alice May diffidently—the pink trimming on her dress seemed to put him very much at a loss, since he fixed his eyes upon it, and his young cheeks assumed a similar color—"it seems to me," said he, "that the question is whether the children will be deceived by making use, as has heretofore been done, of a Santa Claus in the Christmas exercises. The question seems to me to be one of deception."

"No," said Miss Alice May, soberly, "I don't really think any of them will be deceived for a moment. The Santa Claus is to be George Osborne, and he will tell every scholar in the school before Christmas. I don't think any of them can possibly be deceived."

"You do not think," said the minister, "there is any danger that any one of them can for a moment think—the—the person distributing the gifts is—a heathen deity?"

"No, I don't," replied Miss Alice May.

Mrs. Henry Fisher had three children in No. 2. "I know my children are too bright to think George Osborne is a heathen deity," said she, with a sniff, "but it seems to me that ain't exactly the question."

"If you will allow me, Mrs. Fisher," said the minister, and his young face was a bright scarlet, "to inquire what you really consider the question."

"The question is," said Mrs. Henry Fisher, "whether children in this school are going to be fools enough to think for a minute that anybody but their own folks give them their presents. I know my children won't, but I don't know about the others. The question is whether it is deception." "Deception!" rumbled Mr. Joseph Fisher, at her right, and he blushed as furiously as the minister. "I think I can answer for it that none of them will," said Miss Alice May. "They are very bright children, and they will know that George Osborne, dressed up in the wig and mask and the buffalo coat, is Santa Claus, and they will know that he didn't bring their presents from—from—the north pole." Miss Alice May was conscious of a little doubt as to where too credulous children might be supposed to think their gifts came from.

But the minister helped her out. "In other words," said he, "they will not, in your opinion, be in the slightest danger of ascribing their Christmas gifts to any supernatural agency."

"No, they will not," replied Miss Alice May, "and they will be very much disappointed not to have a Santa Claus, as they always have had. It is just a part of the fun, like the tree and the evergreens."

"I know my children are too bright to think for one minute that the mittens and balls and sleds that they are going to have came from the north pole," said Mrs. Fisher.

The meeting ended with the decision to have the Santa Claus distribute the presents as usual, with the understanding that all the children were to be told plainly that it was George Osborne who was concealed in the buffalo coat and wig and beard, and not Santa Claus. Miss Alice May was relieved at the decision. In her own heart she had considered the meeting to discuss the matter rather in the light of an effort to make a mountain out of a molehill. "No danger the children won't know who is Santa Claus," said Mrs. Henry Fisher to her as they were going home. "Catch him keeping it to himself. The Osbornes ain't built that way. Anything that sets them up a little they ain't going to keep dark about. They ain't the kind to hide their candles under bushels; never was."

Mrs. Fisher thought that she might have an assent from the teacher, since it had been rumored that her engagement with Frank Osborne had been broken off, for the reason that he wanted to have a great church wedding and she wanted to save the money for housekeeping, but Miss Alice May said nothing at all. She pulled her fur boa closely around her throat, and said that it was a bitter night, as it certainly was. She boarded with the Fishers, and they had about a mile to drive in a sleigh. They sat there on a seat—the two women were small—and Mr. Joseph Fisher drove and never spoke a word the whole way.

After reaching home the teacher sat up until midnight in her room, where she had a little wood stove, and worked on Christmas presents. She did not feel very happy. She never did at Christmas time, although she had a pride about keeping her cheeks pink and her mouth smiling. Somehow, when Christmas drew near she always thought a good deal about what might have been, and how she, instead of teaching school for a living and boarding with the Fishers, whom she in the depths of her heart did not much care for, might have had a home of her own, with Frank Osborne for the head of it. George looked very much like his elder brother, and somehow the sight of the boy's face always made her heart ache with loneliness. They had quarreled about nothing at all, as it seemed to her now, and Frank, who was very impulsive, had taken the next train for the west, and that was the last of him so far as she was concerned. She knew he was not married, for if he had been his mother, who had always felt resentful toward her, first, because she had come between her and her son in the matter of affection, and secondly, and inconsistently, because she had quarreled with him and been responsible for his exile, would have found some means to tell her of it. However, married or not, she thought that she must be by this time quite out of his mind or he would have written to her. She resolved that, however badly she felt, nobody should know it by her looks or her manner. She would have been capable of rouge if the pink on her cheeks had not endured. She always made a great deal of Christmas, purposely that people might not know how sad she really was. She made a great many presents and was greatly interested in the school Christmas tree. Tonight she was finishing a pair of red mittens for one of the scholars, and as she crocheted she thought about the Santa Claus question. She made up her mind that the next day she would make a little speech to the scholars and tell them how Santa Claus was merely a pretty story invented to please the children, and how there was really no Santa Claus, but George Osborne was to make believe he was, with Mr. Elias Jones' buffalo coat and the white wig and beard, and that all the presents came from their friends and relatives. She said to herself that she thought it was all rather foolish, and she did not believe that there was any real need of such an explanation, but she supposed she must make it. Accordingly, the next day she did as she had planned. She rapped with her ruler on her desk to command attention, and then she made her little speech. Some of the scholars grinned openly, and George Osborne's face, which was so like his brother's, colored a vivid red at being thus made the center of attention. After school, when she was on her way home, with a number of the children, as usual, clinging to her hands and trailing in her rear, little Malvina Eddy, who was perhaps the youngest scholar in school, looked up at her with a shrewd little face. Malvina lisped, and the other scholars laughed at her for it, but she did not mind. Malvina, even at the age of six, had a soul impervious to ridicule. "Teasher," she said. "What is it, dear?" asked Miss May. "I wouldn't never have thought George Osborne wath Thanta Clauth, honeth, teasher." "I wouldn't neither," said little Charley Saunderson, who was kicking the snow up as he walked behind. "Them stories is for kids." "Those," said Miss May, severely, "and kids is slang, Charley."

"I don't care, I wouldn't," said Charley.

"Me neither," said pretty little Maudie Gleason at her side.

"I either, dear," said Miss May patiently.

"George Osborne, he tells everybody he's going to be Santa Claus," said Martha White, one of the older girls, marching soberly in the rear, with her books dangling in a strap. Martha was one of the best scholars in school, and always took her books home. "George Osborne, he can never keep anything to himself," she added with a tincture of contempt. She was at the age when a girl despises a boy as much as a boy does a girl. There is a period when the two sexes are at the antipodes as regards each other. The period is transitory, but it exists. Martha White despised George Osborne as much as he despised her, and that was saying considerable. She ranked higher than he in the arithmetic class, and he could draw a much better map in colored crayons on the blackboard than she. Martha White told Minnie Jones that she thought George Osborne made a perfect fool of himself dressed up in her father's buffalo coat and the white beard and wig, which were the school properties, anyway, and Minnie Jones said she thought so, too. "I'd a heap rather hang my stocking myself," said Martha White, "but it pleases teacher, and she's real good to go to so much trouble, so I ain't going to say a word."

"I ain't," said Minnie Jones. She was a year older than Martha and not as good a scholar, but she privately thought that her father's old buffalo coat was to be rather honored by George Osborne wearing it.

Meanwhile Miss Alice May knew nothing about all this. She worked very hard the week before Christmas, sitting up until midnight to finish Christmas gifts, for she made one for each of her scholars, and since her means were limited she had to make up for richness of quality by her own handiwork. She crocheted mittens and made aprons until she was nearly worn out, and all the time her heart was aching over the memory of that other Christmas, five years ago, when she was finishing her pretty dresses and expecting to be married to Frank Osborne, and all the time she was going about smiling and working as if she had never had a care in her life.

However, the night before Christmas eve she gave way for a few minutes. She had remained after school

to complete some preparations, and all at once it seemed to her that she could not bear it all another minute. She just sank down in her worn chair and let her head fall on her desk, and sobbed and sobbed as if her heart would break. She was all alone in the schoolroom, and she let her long restrained grief get completely the better of her. She even talked and moaned to herself. "Oh, Frank, Frank," she gasped. "How can I bear it, how can I? Another Christmas, another!"

She did not see or hear George Osborne enter the door, stare and listen a moment, then retreat precipitately. Then George Osborne went home immediately and told his mother. "Brother Frank needn't worry, I guess," said George Osborne with an odd triumph. "I guess teacher feels enough sight worse than he does. You'd ought to have heard teacher, mother. If I was him I'd get another girl enough sight better lookin' than teacher an' send her photograph home, so she could see it."

"She was crying, was she?" said Mrs. Osborne.

"Cryin', well, I guess you'd a thought so, mother, and sayin' Frank over and over."

Mrs. Osborne's face softened a little. "Well, go and wash your hands," she said, "supper is about ready."

Miss Alice May passed the house rapidly while the Osbornes were eating supper, and Mrs. Osborne glanced at her, still with that softened look on her face. Alice wore her veil pulled well down over her face, so that nobody should remark her reddened eyes, and when she reached home she called to Mrs. Fisher that she did not want any supper that night and went straight up to her room. When Mrs. Fisher, who had a curious mind, came up to see why she did not want any supper she was bending over her wash basin washing her face with such assiduity that nobody could possibly discover that she had been weeping. She told Mrs. Fisher her head ached and she thought she was a little bilious, and it would be just as well for her not to eat anything. "You are working yourself to death over the Christmas tree," said Mrs. Fisher. "I shall be glad when it is over. I am almost worn out myself trying to finish that table cover for my sister."

She further asked if Alice were sure that she had not at least better have a cup or hot tea, but Alice, still with her face over the wash basin, assured her that she did not want anything.

When Mrs. Fisher had gone the teacher sat down again to her red mittens. She was on the last pair, and she was thankful. The next day she was busy all day trimming the tree and hanging on the presents. Mrs. Fisher helped her, and also Christine Munroe, who was the daughter of one of the committeemen. Once Mrs. Fisher whispered to Christine, when the teacher was in another part of the room, "I never saw such a sight of presents as she has got," indicating the teacher with a movement of her angular elbow.

"I suppose every scholar has given her something," replied Christine, who was a pretty girl and all aglow with the joy of Christmas.

"There's things I've hung on that tree that didn't look as if they had ever come from any of the scholars in this school," replied Mrs. Fisher mysteriously. "It seems to me as if that tree was about covered with presents marked for her."

"Oh, I guess they are all from the scholars," said Christine. "They must be. She hasn't anybody outside to give them to her that I know of. She hasn't any relatives except that old aunt in Boston, and it's about all she can do to get along herself, I know, for I have heard Miss May say so."

"Maybe she's had some money left her," said Mrs. Fisher. "I know I've hung things on that tree that none of the scholars in this school ever got for her. There's been two little boxes done up in white paper, tied with silver cord."

"Candy?"

"Too small for candy."

The teacher wore to the Christmas tree still another of the pretty dresses she had made for her bridal outfit. They were all somewhat out of fashion, but fashions were slow in reaching this little inland village, and nobody thought of that. They looked at the teacher in her red silk dress, and Mrs. Fisher whispered to a woman beside her: "I don't see how she could wear that dress if she had any feelings at all. That is the dress she was going to wear to receive her wedding callers in."

"I suppose she didn't have money to buy new ones, maybe," said the other woman, who was a charitable soul, and she was quite right. Alice had not felt that she could buy more dresses and put her poor bridal attire aside, for she had spent a goodly part of her savings upon it. Nobody knew how her heart ached under the red silk. She looked very pretty. The gown had quite a train and fluttered after her as she walked. She wore a sprig of holly in her hair, and she certainly did not look as if anything troubled her. She stood under the shade, or rather, the light—for it was trimmed with candles—of the Christmas tree, and made a pretty little address to the scholars. Then the young minister, who had been asked to do so in order to allay a lingering doubt on the part of some as to the legitimacy of the tree at all, delivered a short, carefully prepared speech, in which he assured the impatient children that Santa Claus had in reality never existed, that it was only for the amusement of children that he had ever been personated, and that one of their schoolmates was now to take his part, but not one of them must for a moment think that the person who was about to distribute the presents, which their parents and friends had so carefully prepared for them, was anything supernatural. Then he solemnly seated himself in a seat of honor beside the teacher and the committee, and directly down from the loft of the school house on a ladder clambered a figure in Mr. Elias Jones' buffalo coat and the mask with the white wig and beard.

"SITTING UP UNTIL MIDNIGHT TO FINISH CHRISTMAS GIFTS."

It all began very well. The children's names were called and they went up and received their gifts. George Osborne spoke in an unusually firm voice, and Mrs. Fisher whispered to the woman inside her that he was terribly set up at being Santa Claus, and she wouldn't have let a boy of hers holler so. But suddenly Miss Alice May's name was called, and, as was the custom, Santa Claus brought the gift to her, instead of obliging her to go forward and receive it. Miss Alice May opened the dainty little white box innocently enough. She thought it contained some little offering from one of her pupils. She fairly gasped when a sapphire brooch, set in diamonds, blazed in her eyes from its white satin cushion. Several were looking over her shoulders, Mrs. Fisher among them.

"A NUMBER OF CHILDREN AS USUAL CLINGING TO HER HANDS."

"For the land sakes!" gasped Mrs. Fisher.

"It must be imitation!" said another woman. "It beats all how they make imitation things nowadays. That looks as if it cost $25, and I don't suppose it cost over 25 cents."

Alice had turned quite pale, regarding the beautiful jewel. She knew quite well that it had cost more more than 25 cents and was not imitation. But she said quite calmly: "Yes, they do make wonderful imitations of jewelry," and closed the box. Then her name was called again, and this time it was a cotton handkerchief, trimmed with lace, from one of the scholars; then again, and a gift book was brought to her, then a box of home-made candy. Then the scholars' presents were distributed again, and it was some time before her name was called for a sachet from Maudie Gleason. Nearly every scholar in the school gave something to the teacher, and her lap became filled with packages. The little box containing the brooch was underneath them all.

"It was not until another suspiciously wrapped box had been brought to her, and she, opening it under the fire of wondering eyes, which would have been too wondering to endure had she not opened it at all, as she felt tempted to do, contained a beautiful little chatelaine watch, set with diamonds. This time Alice gave a great start, for she had seen that watch before, and she felt so faint that Mrs. Fisher's "Land sakes!" hardly reached her ears. But attention was all at once diverted from her by a great commotion among the scholars. Martha White had turned around and spied George Osborne sitting behind a post, which had been put up to strengthen the ceiling at the end of the room. Martha's blank stare was infectious. All the other scholars turned around and looked. There was George Osborne, sitting at the back of the schoolroom, and they had just been told by the minister that he was personating Santa Claus. Several of the more nervous and imaginative children turned as pale as the teacher. They believed in Santa Claus in spite of the minister. How could they help it? George Osborne was to be Santa Claus, and there was George Osborne at the back of the room, and somebody was distributing the presents. Maudie Gleason's name was called next, to receive her red mittens, which the teacher had made for her, and she was afraid to go forward to the mysterious Santa Claus. She began to cry, when Martha White pushed her. Finally Martha herself, who had no belief in the supernatural, went forward and got the mittens. "He ain't Santa Claus any more'n you be," she said to Maudie, when she returned. "Take your mittens. I don't know who he is, but he ain't Santa Claus. There ain't no Santa Claus, and teacher made them mittens. You can't fool me."

It was very timidly and apprehensively, however, that many of the children went forward when their names were called. They would look at George Osborne, who had promised not to be seen and who was looking exceedingly red-faced and guilty at having broken his word, then they would go forward, aided by encouraging pushes from the bolder ones, who simply thought that someone else had been selected to serve as Santa Claus in George Osborne's place.

But the teacher sat pale and trembling, with her lap full of presents. Mrs. Fisher had turned and seen with her sharp black eyes George Osborne at the back of the room. "Who is Santa Claus, if he ain't him?" she whispered in the teacher's ear. Mrs. Fisher might have gone to school with advantage as far as her English was concerned.

The teacher shook her head. Mrs. Fisher looked keenly at Santa Claus, who continued calling off the names of the bewildered children. "He speaks a good deal like George Osborne," said she. "I wonder—" She gave a furtive glance that would have done credit to a detective at the teacher, then she stopped.

"Wonder if they've heard anything lately from Frank Osborne?" she whispered after a little to a woman near her.

The woman stared at her.

Mrs. Fisher nodded.

"You don't s'pose," said the woman, with a glance at the pile of presents in the teacher's lap.

Mrs. Fisher nodded again. "I've seen a watch amagin' like that before," said she. "She never wore it after the engagement was broke off."

"Goodness sakes!" said the woman.

Santa Claus continued to call off the names until the tree was stripped. Then he made a lightning dash up the ladder and drew it after him into the loft.

There was a scream from the whole school and the guests.

"I declare," said Minnie Jones' mother, who was a nervous woman, "it's enough to make the shivers go down your back. Who was it?"

Then the teacher collected herself. She placed her presents on the desk, which had been moved into a corner, and mounted the platform beside the tree. She still looked pale, but she spoke in a firm voice. "Silence," said she. "Someone else was selected to take George Osborne's place as Santa Claus. There is no occasion for such a commotion."

Mrs. Osborne came to her aid. "George has got such a cold he can hardly speak a loud word," said she.

"George Osborne was unable to call out the names on account of his cold," said the teacher. "You will now keep your places, and refreshments will be served."

Refreshments consisted of cake and ice cream. Everybody ate, although many a glance was cast toward the loft. "Seems as if he, whoever he is, ought to come down and have some," Martha White whispered in Minnie Jones' ear.

"That's so."

"Wonder who it is."

George Osborne's eyes were upon Martha as she spoke and he looked scornfully triumphant. He had come nearer the stove on account of his cold, and was eating ice cream and cake. "Who was it, George?" another boy asked, nudging him.

"Ask your grandmother," replied George, politely.

"Bet you know."

"Well, if I do, I know 'nough to keep it to myself."

"It must be awful cold up there," remarked the other boy, glancing with rather awed eyes toward the loft.

"Ain't he got that buffalo coat on?"

When at last the festivities were over Mr. Fisher, the committeeman, was going to wait for the teacher, as usual, to take her home in his sleigh with himself and wife, but his wife nudged him violently, then pushed him. "Come along," said she. "Let her be." "But how is she goin' to git home, Lizy?" asked Mr. Fisher, anxiously. "It's awful cold out, and it's most a mile, and it's late."

"Let her be."

"Do you mean for her to walk with the children? They don't mind runnin' along."

"Let her be."

"But, Lizy, if she ain't comin' with us, the children may jest as well ride. One of them can set betwixt us, and the others can hang on to the runners."

"Let 'em come, then."

"But how is the teacher goin' to git home, Lizy?"

"Let her be, I tell you."

Martha White and Minnie Jones lived very near the schoolhouse, and while Martha was not superstitious she was curious. "I'm bound I'll find out who he is," she whispered to Minnie. It so happened that when all the others were gone, and the teacher left alone, and Santa Claus let the ladder down from the loft and climbed down, Martha White and Minnie Jones, and Minnie's little brother Eddy, and a number of other boys, were peeking through a window. Then suddenly little Eddy Jones, who was a nervous child, and very imaginative, shrieked and ran wildly after his parents, walking with creaking footsteps the long stretch of snowy moonlit road ahead. "Oh, father; oh, mother!" cried little Eddy Jones, in a panic of terror, "Santa Claus is huggin' teacher, he is, he is!"

The two elder Joneses said to each other in interrogative and confirmative tones, "Frank Osborne has come home." "Yes; I heard so on the way to the tree, when I stopped in the store to order the sugar." Then Mrs. Jones turned to the little boy. "Hush, child," said she; "it's only George Osborne's big brother. He was Santa Claus instead of George, because George has a cold.

Meantime, in spite of the minister and the committeemen, and the scruples of the community as to the deception, there was, in some degree, truth in the myth of Santa Claus, for that night, at least in the school house of district No. 2, for Love, which is the patron saint of the whole earth, had come to the poor little school teacher, who had thought he had passed her by for her whole life.

MORALITY

By MATTHEW ARNOLD.

We cannot kindle when we will
The fire which in the heart resides;
The spirit bloweth and is still,
In mystery our soul abides.
But tasks in hours of insight willed
Can be through hours of gloom fulfilled.

With aching hands and bleeding feet
We dig and heap, lay stone on stone;
We bear the burden and the heat
Of the long day, and wish 'twere done.
Not till the hours of light return,
All we have built do we discern.

Then, when the clouds are off the soul,
When thou dost bask in Nature's eye,
Ask how she view'd thy self-control,
Thy struggling, task'd morality—
Nature whose free, light cheerful air,
Oft made thee, in thy gloom, despair.

When she whose censure thou dost dread,
Whose eye thou wast afraid to seek,
See, on her face a glow is spread,
A strong emotion on her cheek!
"Ah, child!" she cries, "that strife divine,
Whence was it, for it is not mine?

"There is no effort on my brow—
I do not strive, I do not weep.
I rush with the swift spheres and glow
In joy, and when I will, I sleep.
Yet that severe, that earnest air,
I saw, I felt it once—but where?

"I knew not yet the gauge of time,
Nor wore the manacles of space;
I felt it in some other clime,
I saw it in some other place;
'Twas when the heavenly house I trod,
And lay upon the breast of God."

How to deck the Christmas Home with Flowers.

LEADING FLORISTS GIVE THEIR LATEST CONCEPTIONS OF ARTISTIC DECORATIONS WITH BLOOMS AND LEAVES.

CHANDELIER AND TABLE DECORATION OF CHRISTMAS BELLS, SMILAX AND ROSES BY WADLEY AND SMYTHE.

DINNER DECORATION OF HOLLY AND POINSETTIA BY SIEBRECHT.

FIREPLACE DECORATION OF HOLLY AND POINSETTIA BY SIEBRECHT

HOLLY CENTERPIECE FOR SMALL DINNER BY SIEBRECHT

FERNS, SOUTHERN SMILAX AND HEMLOCK FIREPLACE DECORATION BY WADLEY AND SMYTHE

ARRANGING the Christmas decorations is one of the most agreeable features of the preparations for the holiday, especially when it is done by a number of persons who have no objections to the climbing of step ladders and are possessed of muscular arms, a sense of humor and a talent for decoration. The Christmas spirit, of course, smooths away all the difficulties which might arise in the paths of would-be Christmas decorators who do not possess these virtues. And yet most of us are a little overweary on the day before Christmas when the decorating is to be done and sometimes, even with the aid of the Christmas spirit, we find the placing of Christmas greens a difficult business.

For they are by nature unwieldy, stiff and given to prickles. They are not to be draped or coerced or even bunched at will. They are by nature also intended for high places, beyond the comfortable reach of the usual combination of ordinary person and ordinary wooden chair. Consequently a few inside hints as to Christmas decorations may be permitted, perhaps, to supplement the Christmas spirit without danger of supplanting or even belittling that faithful force. Of course, one might suggest the florist. And in fact in a number of cases where purses permit and life is already sufficiently strenuous one does, even at the risk of offending the season's traditions, suggest the florist.

This does not mean that because a florist is gotten into the house to do the Christmas decorating he should be left to do it in peace and quietness, as would be the case at other seasons of the year. No—by all means, he should be assisted by members of the family. Christmas decorations, of all others, should show the personal touch of individual interest.

For those, however, who do not assist the florist—having none to assist—one would suggest that the first requisites in the arrangement of Christmas greens—after the greens, of course—are a solid, reliable stepladder, a box of small tacks which may be pressed into walls without damaging woodwork or decorations, and, most important of all, perhaps, a large bundle of wires cut in different lengths, the most available being about a foot long.

First, of course, one must get the greens. This is to be done in various sections of the city and at varying prices. The most popular and one of the most expensive decorations for Christmas feasts is the poinsettia, that wonderful scarlet leafed foliage which gives the effect of a huge scarlet blossom, although it is in reality a bunch of scarlet leaves at the end of a branch. The poinsettia has the true Christmas color and blends beautifully with holly decorations, which is not true of any sort of red roses.

Scarlet carnations are, with the exception of poinsettia, the only decoration giving a floral effect whose red harmonizes with the holly berry.

Owing to the gracefulness and the effect of fragile luxuriance produced by this blossom, it is of all others the most suitable for a table decoration where an elaborate lace made tablecloth is used. The fine and rich cream tones of Venetian lace form an exquisite contrast to this velvet leaved decoration. With a service and candelabra of cream and gold and gilded glasses nothing more exquisite could be imagined. In the dinner decoration by Siebrecht, which is pictured on this page, the poinsettia has been arranged on a Venetian lace cloth in a double wreath about tall, slender candelabra.

Holly is of all Christmas greens the most difficult to arrange gracefully for a table, and consequently, although it must have a most important place in the general house decoration, it is apt to be used in pieces of considerable size for fireplaces and windows, while the more manageable Christmas foliage frequently replaces it upon the table. White and red roses, white and red carnations, laurel, ground pine, hemlock, smilax, Southern smilax, ferns of many varieties, cedar and pine for their fragrance, and the pigeon berry, called by some the holly berry, now supplement the holly and mistletoe in all house decoration. The pigeon berry, which grows in very stiff, decorative branches entirely without leaves and with a great quantity of scarlet berries, is placed with berryless greens as a substitute for holly and proves a very successful decoration. Laurel is particularly beautiful with this berry and an arrangement of maidenhair ferns with the pigeon berry's tall, stiff branches makes a most satisfactory table decoration.

In the decoration of the small tea table by Wadley and Smythe a beautiful effect was obtained by the use of smilax, pigeon berry and Christmas roses. The smilax was laid in long lines from a circular basket like decoration placed to one side of the table and hung over the edges of the cloth. The centerpiece, not in this instance literally a "center" piece, was made of roses, pigeon berry and hemlock. The hemlock was piled loosely on the cloth and bunched together in a circular shape. Into this the pigeon berries were stuck and worked in and out with smilax, which served to hold the mass together. The roses, with somewhat short stems, were stuck in last of all. With so small a table, which is decorated for an afternoon tea or small reception, a decoration for the chandelier is particularly attractive. In the one here shown Christmas bells, Christmas balls of scarlet everlasting, or tissue paper, smilax and Southern smilax were used. Nine Christmas bells of three sizes are used and eight Christmas balls. They should be hung on irregularly and intertwined with green to produce a graceful effect.

In the decoration for the small dinner by Siebrecht holly, poinsettia and scarlet ribbon were used. The candelabra were white, with shades of scarlet silk and ruby dangles.

Centerpiece of Holly.

The centerpiece was made in a basket, which makes a safer, though a somewhat stiffer circular decoration than the one made simply on a heap of loose greens. The foundation for the centerpiece is a circular basket without sides and covered with a thick layer of moss. This moss is first stuck full of holly of lengths that vary sufficiently to make a rounding surface of holly highest in the middle and sloping toward each side. The poinsettia is stuck in at the last. Although this plant looks most graceful with long stems, when it first comes from the greenhouse it is not possible to leave the stems long, as it soon wilts and droops. It should either be used in a perfectly flat decoration or stuck in among the holly so that the evergreen supports it.

In the fireplace decoration by Wadley and Smythe a great quantity of hemlock, Southern smilax and pigeon berry was used. The decoration is in three divisions, on either side and directly in front of the fireplace. The pigeon berry is very beautiful when arranged so that it is reflected in the mirror. One of the most attractive of the small features of this decoration is a staghorn fern, which is planted in a wire basket filled with moss.

In the other fireplace decoration shown the greens are arranged so as not to interfere with the natural end and aim of a fireplace. In this decoration, which is by Siebrecht, the carved column at the side of the fireplace is wound with poinsettia tied with scarlet ribbon. The poinsettia is arranged also to fall over one side of the mirror and the mantelpiece is banked with holly and poinsettia.

Hemlock Spruce Much Used.

A very beautiful substitute for holly, although it is not bright, is the hemlock spruce, if it can be obtained with a quantity of small cones on. This is a most graceful and poetic Christmas decoration, especially if it is interspersed with bits of holly or pigeon berry. And the fact that the Greeks used hemlock for a favorite poison shouldn't be permitted to interfere either, because it wasn't this sort of hemlock they used. It was a flowering hemlock shrub, whereas this is in reality a fir, on which the name of hemlock was accidentally conferred. Still as a Christmas decoration perhaps it would be best to call it a fir. Branches of pine with the cones on are also delightful for Christmas, and no Christmas decoration is complete without at least enough pine for the delicious odor.

Red tissue paper Christmas decorations are coming more and more into popular favor and are rapidly supplanting the red everlasting, which, of course, is dyed and not any more Christmas in sentiment than the red paper.

Christmas bells are largely made of red paper instead of everlasting, and so are the balls little and big for the decoration of chandeliers, windows, etc. The balls are very easily made. All that is necessary is to stamp out enough circular pieces of paper as will make when gathered up a very full ball. The edges of these should be pinked, although plain edges are sometimes seen. The diameter of these circular pieces of paper will, of course, determine the size of the ball. Each piece is then folded in half, then in half again, and so on until it has become very small. In folding it, of course, the center remains the same and the radius the same. When it is sufficiently folded the pieces are strung together on a strong thread. The thread is put through the paper as near the center as is possible to insure its holding. The pinked outer edges make the round surface of the ball.

The bells are made on very light wire frames for the most part, although some of the most attractive are without any frames and are curiously arranged in four parts. There are also bells on which tiny red paper flowers are used on a cardboard foundation which has been shaped.

The Decorative Christmas Tree.

Large Christmas trees are a glory and a complete bliss during the holiday season, but tiny ones are a delight, also, and among the flat dwellers much more generally possible. Nothing decorates a corner more attractively than a small tree, planted in a tall flower pot and brilliant with dazzling balls and colored candles, while a tiny tree with wee candles and candied fruit is a most satisfactory decoration for a Christmas dinner table.

A few persons have experimented with lighting the trees by electricity, and most brilliant effects have been produced on large trees and for large gatherings. But the effect, though brilliant, is not as beautiful as that of the candles; the lights are too glaring, and the mystery and poetry of the tree are entirely destroyed. Purely for beauty's sake and entirely apart from any romantic reminiscences one may have of candle-lighted trees, they are surely greatly to be preferred to the electrically lighted ones—at least, for the home circle.

It is not the best plan, either, to fill a tree too full of decorations. The candles alone are very beautiful and other decorations should be used judiciously, for the whole beauty of the tree lies in the contrast of its dark green with the brilliant balls and lights. A discreet number of balls and candles carefully arranged on a beautiful tree produces this effect much better than a profuse arrangement of trimmings which almost covers the tree. Still, the variety of novel decorations should be sufficient to afford the child the pleasure of discovering new and entrancing beauties on every limb.

MODISH GOWNS FOR THE MATRON

Colors, Materials and Styles That Fashion Favors for Young Married Women—Velvets and Silks in Decided Vogue—Light Furs Popular Both as Trimming and Separate Pieces—Silver Embroidery an Effective Embellishment for Dinner Gown.

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SOME of the richest and most beautiful fabrics of the season are especially intended for wear by the older women and the young matrons, and although many of the most fashionable and popular materials are worn alike by the debutante or her mother, there is still a vast difference in the colorings favored and the style of making. All the shades, especially in the lighter tones of gray and mauve are in great vogue at present and these are both colors that are appropriate and becoming to the woman past her first youth. In the chiffon velvets and the finer grades of velveteen these are most attractive, and some of the most elegant gowns of the winter are these velvet materials. This is markedly a velvet season; one meets it at every turn, from the short skirted velveteen walking gown to the handsome silk velvet reception costume. The light furs, so much in vogue are usually added to a velvet frock which is to be worn with a hat, and the ermine, chinchilla, white caracul, or moleskin collarettes and

Illustration No. 1.

muffs, the latter, by the way, being of extreme size, are very effective as well as becoming additions to the gown.

Then too the silk materials, brocaded with velvet figures are much liked, and are in many cases combined with plain velvet in harmony with the coloring of the silk. One very lovely gown of this sort designed for a middle-aged matron, whose youthful face and white hair made even rather bright colors becoming, was in a pinkish lavendar shade, or amethyst color, the lower part of the skirt being of plain chiffon velvet to match the brocaded silk, which was of a satiny finish with amethyst velvet figures. The silk and velvet were joined together by a wide band of rather heavy silk lace of the same shade, the corsage being of lace, with bands of the velvet, and plaited chiffon. The lower part of the waist was of the brocade.

The new silks, especially in the messalines and the corded weavings, are very modish, as are also the grenadine voiles and the ever-popular crepes. The lustrous changeable silks are also fashionable, and in the soft, light shades make very attractive gowns. Most of these light weight materials are made up with the skirts extremely wide and full around the lower part, and the sleeves also are very ample in dimensions. In the fourth sketch may be seen several sleeves that are suitable to silk and crepe materials, and would be most effective when made up.

Light blue, silver blue and the Wedgewood shades are all very smart at present, and though the ordinary pale blue shades are considered rather youthful, still for the reception or evening gown, the lustrous satiny crepes or the silks or brocades, in the blue shades make very lovely as well as appropriate gowns for the older woman.

Silver embroidery is frequently used on such a gown in combination with fine lace, and the blue spangles particularly when applied to have the effect of being embroidered into the material are handsome and always

Illustration No. 2.

give an air of elaborateness to a gown. Such trimmings, however, are best by artificial light and should only be used on a gown intended for formal occasions.

The all-black costume is, however, always in favor and to many women is the most becoming choice possible. Many of these black gowns are lightened in effect by the use of cream lace introduced in the sleeves and yoke, and in some of the new models shown the entire sleeve except for a full cap, or frill of the black material is of the lace, usually in the form of overlapping ruffles over a deep fitted cuff.

Among the simpler gowns the light weight woolens, wool and silk voiles and such fabrics are used, cashmere and Albatross being especially liked. These cashmere gowns are most satisfactory for informal at home wear, and though inexpensive, make up well, and adapt themselves gracefully to the full skirts and draped effects in vogue. For street wear the heavier materials, of course, are chosen, but as it is a little late to discuss the street gown I will not devote much space to the subject as by this time everyone has probably been provided for in the matter of a street "suit." The broadcloths, and velveteens are among the most fashionable materials for the dressy street gown, and as for the loose wraps and coats for carriage and evening wear, the heavy cloths, velvets or brocades are all used. Black is usually the most useful and satisfactory color for the separate wrap, most of those seen being trimmed with braiding, handsome black silk passementerie or embroidery, lace or fur. The linings are usually white satin or silk or a light tinted brocade. The fur-lined wraps are also much worn and are extremely warm and comfortable, for cold weather wear. In making the silk or broadcloth wraps a lining about the body part of chamois skin will be found excellent, though flannelette and sheet batting are also used.

The first drawing shows a good design for an afternoon gown of cashmere or one of the crepe or silk materials, the model being in gray silk voile. The bodice was made with a pointed vest in front of white antique lace, the edge of the rounded sleeve cap also being trimmed with lace to match. About this yoke piece the bodice was trimmed by scrolls and loops made of gray satin covered cord, the spaces between the loops being filled in by French knots. The upper part of the waist and the top of the sleeves were smocked, the smocking also extending across the back of the gown. The lower part of the sleeve was trimmed with the lace with satin cord loops overlaid. The girdle was of the satin, trimmed down the middle of the back by little satin bows with

Illustration No. 3.

paste buttons in the center of each. The skirt was tucked in panel effect down the front, the lower part having flounce let in, the flounce being smocked to the upper skirt which was cut out in squares.

The second drawing shows a more elaborate gown; one suitable for evening wear or as a dinner or reception gown. The material was cream white messaline brocaded in a flower design in yellow velvet, and combined with Bruges lace. The skirt was made with a very narrow front panel of the lace, the skirt being in tunic effect. On each side of this panel was a band of shirred chiffon piped with yellow velvet, this band being used to form a loop design on each side of the front and edge the bottom of the tunic over skirt. The lower flounce of the skirt was of the brocade, with a band of lace let in above the hem with a row of tucks above. The bodice is made almost entirely of Bruges lace, as shown in the sketch. The lower part where it joined the brocaded silk being finished by a waved band of the chiffon piped with velvet and with little ribbon velvet tabs at the lower part of each scallop. The sleeves were of cream chiffon accordion plaited and attached to a cuff of the lace.

The third design shows a very handsome wrap for carriage or evening wear, the model being in black velvet trimmed with ecru filet lace and ermine bands.

New and Effective Sleeve Models.

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Menus for the Week

MONDAY, December 19.

BREAKFAST.
Cereal and Cream.
Poached Eggs. Sally Lunn. Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Bean Soup.
Squash Pie. Cocoa.

DINNER.
Cold Roast Beef.
Potatoes. Beet Sauce. Spinach and Eggs.
Junket. Coffee.

TUESDAY, December 20.

BREAKFAST.
Oranges.
Wheat Biscuit and Cream.
Omelet and Bacon. Fried Potatoes.
Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Minced Meat with Caper Sauce.
Baked Potatoes. Muffins. Cocoa.

DINNER.
Cream of Tomato Soup.
Baked Fish. Drawn Butter Sauce.
Mashed Potatoes. Cabbage Salad.
Chocolate Eclairs.

WEDNESDAY, December 21.

BREAKFAST.
Fruit. Tripe in Batter.
Oatmeal Muffins. Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Oyster Stew.
Cranberry Sauce. Ladyfingers.

DINNER.
Bean Soup.
Pot Roast. Carrots. Creamed Potatoes.
Chocolate Nut Cake. Coffee.

THURSDAY, December 22.

BREAKFAST.
Oranges. Cereal and Cream.
Beef Hash. Popovers. Cocoa.

LUNCHEON.
Chopped Ham Baked with Rice.
Apple Souffle. Tea.

DINNER.
Onion Soup.
Cold Meat. Potato Salad.
Peach Pie. Coffee.

FRIDAY, December 23.

BREAKFAST.
Toasted Wheat Biscuit.
Scrambled Eggs with Minced Meat.
Toast. Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Oyster Stew. Crackers.
Gingerbread. Tea.

DINNER.
Lamb Stew with Vegetables.
Fruit Salad.
Cheese. Crackers. Coffee.

SATURDAY, December 24.

BREAKFAST.
Cereal and Cream.
Warmed-Over Lamb.
Toast. Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Macaroni and Cheese.
Baked Custard. Cocoa.

DINNER.
Corn and Tomato Soup.
Beefsteak. Creamed Potatoes.
Egg Plant. Dressed Lettuce.
Coffee.

SUNDAY, December 25.

BREAKFAST.
Oranges. Cereal and Cream.
Broiled Ham. Baked Potatoes.
Doughnuts. Coffee.

DINNER.
Oyster Soup.
Roast Turkey with Sage Filling.
Cranberry Sauce. Brussels Sprouts.
Stewed Onions. Potato Mound.
Celery and Apple Salad.
Mince Pie. Plum Pudding. Lemon Sherbet.
Fruit. Nuts. Coffee.

SUPPER.
Curried Eggs. Biscuits.
Cocoa.

Home-Made Candies for the Christmas Holidays.

YOUNG girls always like to prepare with their own hands the dainty gift boxes, and to help all these persons the following recipes are offered. Do not be afraid to try them boldly, but bear in mind a word of caution: Follow the directions carefully and exactly to insure perfect results, for candies, like cakes, are easily spoiled in the cooking.

In order that our Christmas bon-bons shall be gay with the appropriate tints of the season to brighten the festal board, or peep saucily out of juvenile stockings, we must have some of the lovely color pastes, as well as the crystalized fruits, for their coloring. Candied cherries are especially fine, and pineapple, green gages, angelica and the small pink pears are all good to give variety.

Cream Candy—One and one-quarter pounds of confectioner's sugar, one tablespoon of water, white of one egg, three teaspoons of vanilla. Heat the egg and water and stir stiff with sugar; add the vanilla.

Chocolate Cream—Make the cream candy into balls, melt three squares of chocolate; put a ball on a little skewer or a fork, and dip into the chocolate and lay on buttered paper.

Nut Candy—Chop a cup of almonds and mix with the cream candy; make into bars and when cold cut in slices.

Walnut Creams—Press two walnut halves on small balls on cream candy, one on either side.

Creamed Dates—Wash, wipe and open the dates; remove the stones and put a small ball of cream candy inside each one; press lightly together so that the cream will show.

Cream Chocolate Caramels—Mix together one-half pint each of brown sugar and molasses, one-half pint sweet cream, one heaping tablespoon butter and four ounces melted chocolate. Place the mixture over the fire and stir constantly until it boils, then cook until it hardens when dropped into cold water. Remove from the fire and turn into buttered tins. When sufficiently cooled mark into squares.

Fruit Bars—Cook together two pounds confectioner's sugar, two-thirds cup water and one-third teaspoon cream of tartar until of the consistency to "crack" when tried in cold water; then add, a little at a time, one pound candied fruit—cherries, pineapple, figs and seeded dates, chopped fine; stir slowly until the fruit slides easily off the spoon; pour into buttered tins, and when partly cooled mark off into oblong strips or bars. When cold, dust with powdered sugar. By bending the tins slightly between the hands, the candy will come out easily.

Nuts Glace—Cook together two pounds granulated sugar, one-third quart water, one-third teaspoon cream of tartar to a hard crack; then pour into a deep pan standing at the side of a buttered cooling tin; turn into the hot syrup, one at a time, the nuts to be glaced; walnuts, Brazil nuts, almonds and the like. When coated with the syrup, transfer each nut with a fork to the cooling tin. Candied fruit, or fresh California or Malaga grapes or any fruit that has skins to seal up the juices may be glaced in the same manner.

Stuffed Dates and Figs—Wash the dates and wipe dry. Open each one and take out the stone; put half an English walnut in each and press the edges of the date together; roll in granulated sugar. For the figs, cut each one in two and press a nut in each half; do not roll these in sugar.

Creamed Dates—Break the white of an egg into a glass; add an equal quantity of ice water and one teaspoon vanilla extract. Beat this mixture until light, then stir into it, a little at a time, enough white sugar (confectioner's XXX is the best for the purpose) to make a smooth firm fondant. Remove the seeds from large dates and fill the spaces with this mixed with chopped nuts.

Fig Creams—Select nice clean figs and chop them fine. Prepare the fondant according to directions given in the preceding recipe, and divide it into two parts. Roll out one portion and cover it thickly with the chopped figs; then spread over this another layer of fondant. Cut into any shape, and stand in a cool place to harden.

Coffee Creams—Boil together, without stirring, two cups light brown sugar and one-half cup clear, strong coffee until it threads. Take from the fire and stand the vessel containing it in a pan of cold water. Beat the mixture rapidly until it is thick and creamy. Pour into buttered tins, and when cool enough mark into squares.

Orange Straws—Peel several oranges carefully and throw the peel into cold water to more than cover, and boil until tender, changing the water as often as it becomes bitter; then turn into a colander to drain. When cold, cut the peel into long narrow strips with a pair of sharp scissors. Prepare a heavy syrup of one pound white sugar and water enough to moisten. Drop the strips of orange peel into the syrup and boil 25 minutes; then transfer the "straws" with a fork to plates and dry slowly near the stove or in the warming closet of the range. Then pack neatly in boxes.

Chocolate Fudge—One cup of milk, one cup of sugar, one pinch of soda, butter the size of an egg, three squares of chocolate. Put the soda in the milk and scrape the chocolate. Mix all together until when you drop a little in water it will make a ball in your fingers. Take off the fire then and beat until it is a stiff paste, you can then spread on a buttered platter. Sometimes a cup of chopped nuts may be added to this rule, putting them in just before you take the fudge off the fire.

Pinoche—One cup of light brown sugar, one cup of cream, one cup of walnuts, chopped fine, butter the size of a walnut, one teaspoon vanilla. Cook the sugar and cream till it makes a ball in water; then put in the butter, vanilla and nuts and beat till creamy and spread on a platter.

German Christmas Dainties.

Suabian Honigbrod—Cream half a pound of butter with a heaping tablespoon of lard, then add gradually in the order mentioned half a cup of honey, the juice and grated rind of one lemon, two teaspoons of "Kirschwasser," one teaspoon of ground cinnamon, a heaping tablespoon of sugar and the yolks of four eggs; blend these ingredients thoroughly together, beating until very light, and then stir in sufficient sifted pastry flour to form a stiff dough; place this in a bowl covered with a damp napkin in a very cold place for at least six hours before using. When ready to bake, place on the bread board that has been lightly floured, and roll out to the thickness of a knife blade; cut with a fancy cutter into small stars, brush over with yolk of egg, sprinkle with chopped candied orange peel and bake in a quick oven. The great secret of success in these delicious little cakes is to have the dough very cold and the oven hot.

Nurenberger Brod—Melt together one tablespoon of lard and two tablespoons of butter, add one small cup of molasses, two tablespoons of sugar, a teaspoon of ground allspice, one cup of sour cream, one even teaspoon of baking soda dissolved in half a cup of hot water, and two cups of graham flour. Mix thoroughly and then stir in half a cup of chopped dates. Bake in layer cake pans and put together with thick orange frosting, spread between each layer and covering the top.

Chocolate Marzipan—Pound one-half pound of blanched almonds to a paste, adding one pound of confectioners' sugar, a scant tablespoon of powdered cinnamon, three tablespoons of grated unsweetened chocolate and the whites of four eggs; form with the aid of a very little flour into small wreaths; lay them in a shallow baking pan, being careful that they do not touch, sprinkle with grated cocoanut and bake slowly until dry and crisp.

The Kitchen Stove.

THE woman who takes a proper pride in her kitchen will always consider the stove the chief ornament to the room. To keep stoves shining (without having one's hands "shining," too) with the least possible labor, has been the busy housewife's problem. May the solving prove helpful to others.

At stove-cleaning time I provide several paper bags, "pokes," saved from the groceries, a pair of men's canvas gloves (cost 10 cents), a good brush or brushes, several large pieces of old flannel, two smaller soft cotton rags, a package of stove polish, and a bottle of the following mixture from the druggist's: Gum asphaltum, 1½ ounces; burnt alum, 1½ ounces; turpentine, 1½ pints. It will cost about 20 cents. This quantity lasts a long time.

Mix stove polish with soapsuds to the consistency of thick cream. If the stove is a badly rusted one, it is wise to scrape the roughest and wipe with an oiled rag (kerosene) before, though a stove given this treatment, when set in dry storage, rusts very little.

I use the paper bags to protect my hands when applying the mixture, as it hardens the gloves; the latter save the hands during the polishing process.

The bottle must be well shaken before each application. Pour a quantity upon a cotton cloth, treating the top of the stove first (taking care that the crevices of ornamentation, etc., are not slighted), and, before the "varnish" dries, rub over it with another cotton cloth the prepared polish, brushing till dry.

Then proceed downward in the same manner, coming back often to rub the dry surfaces with a second brush or flannel.

Too large a portion should not be treated to the mixture before the polish is applied or it will dry too quickly. This process results in a beautiful brightness, improving with every rubbing and lasting the season, while much of the disagreeable dust is avoided.

The cook stove is given the same treatment only once or twice a year, the sides needing little else thereafter than an occasional brisk dusting.

As the top soils I sprinkle upon it, while warm preferred, a few drops of water, and rub hard with light wrapping paper. A little blacking is necessary only at long intervals. If by any chance the hands become "varnished" by the mixture, it will yield to a bath of kerosene oil, followed by soapsuds. After rinsing, an application of lemon juice will help to bring them into good condition.

Where a top free from blacking is desired, frequent washings with kerosene oil will leave a perfectly clean, dull-black surface, capable of considerable polish by means of wrapping paper and flannel.

The gasolene stove may be kept clean and bright in the same way, a whisk broom and tooth brush assisting greatly.

An Excellent Corn Chowder.

One quart of fresh corn pulp, scrape from the cob or canned, one quart of very small Lima beans, one-quarter pound salt pork, one cup cream, one cup milk, two tablespoonfuls butter, six milk crackers, one sliced onion, salt and pepper to taste.

Put the pork in the frying pan after cutting into bits; brown it, and add the onion. Put the beans on in water enough to cover them and simmer till tender; put two cups of boiling water on the onion and pork, and when the beans are tender strain this over them and add the corn; simmer till this too is tender; then add the cream, scalded, and the seasoning, with the butter. Soak the split crackers in the cold milk and put them in the tureen and pour the boiling soup over. Potatoes, cut into dice, may be substituted for the beans if one prefers.

GOWNS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

By MADAME FULLERTON

DURING the past year or two the giving of luncheons at hotels and smart restaurants has become such a fad among society women that it has created a new style of gown particularly appropriate to the occasion. These gowns are a mixture of street and house fashions and generally consist of three-piece suits, though frequently capes or fur coats are worn instead of a coat of the dress material. Cloth and velvet are the favorite fabrics for these as well as for most other ceremonious day gowns, but lighter colors are selected for luncheon toilettes than for reception or visiting gowns. The costume illustrated by Figure 1, which is suitable for such occasions, is made of pale pistache cloth over taffeta of a deeper shade. The skirt is cut in seven gores, the front and side breadths being tucked to below the hips and the two back breadths laid in box-plaits and trimmed with stitched bands ornamented with green panne velvet buttons embroidered with gold. The bottom of the skirt is also trimmed by a band of French batiste in eyelet hand embroidery over brighter green taffeta which is edged with bands Baum Marten fur. The bodice blouses over a wide pointed girdle and is trimmed with a yoke of fur edged batiste, which is round in the back and slightly pointed in front, with one band crossing over the other, surplice fashion, and fastening with large gold embroidered green panne buttons. Worn with this gown is a picture hat of black panne velvet with a long black ostrich plume draped gracefully across the front and side.

Furs this season are so cleverly dyed that many humble varieties now successfully masquerade in the markings and colors of their more aristocratic rivals, and in consequence fur coats have been brought within the means of many women who never hoped to be able to afford such a luxury. Rabbit and squirrel skins are so dyed as to be scarcely distinguishable from chinchilla, while Russian sable is admirably imitated in many kinds of inexpensive furs. These furs are such beautiful imitations that there need not be any hesitancy in using them, and in fact, many of the richest women are having coats made of them, for the styles in fur garments change so radically from season to season that it is a tax on the largest purse to keep pace with the changes in the expensive furs. A delightfully smart model for a fur coat of any variety is shown by illustration No. 2. It is made of imitation chinchilla combined with cream-colored cloth embroidered in silver and mauve. There is a tight-fitting girdle belt, round in the back and pointed in front, of cloth, over which the fur blouses a little all around, and the neck is finished with a high cloth collar, faced with fur, which broadens out into a shallow yoke extending into narrow bands that edge the fronts. The full sleeves are trimmed with deep cloth cuffs, corresponding to the collar, with fur on the edge, and the muff is a large flat model of the same fur. The round turban is also of chinchilla trimmed with a stiff brush on one side rising from a jeweled rosette. Gray cloth of chinchilla color is used for the graceful skirt, which is made with a narrow front breadth trimmed with clusters of scant ruffles and full sides finished with a shaped band of tiny vertical tucks edged, top and bottom, with narrow black, white and silver passamenterie.

Illustration No. 3 shows a very dainty house gown suitable for at home luncheons or bridge parties, days at home, informal evening wear, theaters, etc. It is made of a heavy quality of beige colored crepe de chine over a rose pink taffeta foundation. The skirt is moderately full with a pretty sweep at the bottom and is trimmed with two clusters of two wide tucks each, which divide the skirt into nearly three equal parts, and the lower one is effectively embroidered in a vine design in the palest of green, pink and cream tints. The bodice fastens invisibly at the under arm seam and is made with a yoke of repousse lace over pink silk veiled with pale pink chiffon, below which are two wide tucks and below them the bodice is full and embroidered to match the skirt. There is a wide crush belt of a soft pastel shade pink panne velvet that fastens in the back with tiny bows and the sleeves are in two graceful puffs of the embroidered crepe with tight bands trimmed with two tucks between. This model would be equally effective made of fine cashmere, voile, cloth, or any other thin, soft material and while the hand embroidery naturally enhances the gown, it is not absolutely necessary for an excellent result could be obtained by substituting motifs of passamenterie or lace for the embroidery. If this style of trimming, if used, care should be taken to select a passamenterie with two or more different sized motifs that can be readily detached, and these should be appliqued in a regular design where required. Cut out silk, cloth and velvet with heavily embroidered edges are among the most popular trimmings this season, for they may be had in the boldest and most striking designs in motifs, bands and all overs as well as in fine, dainty patterns that seem to be adaptable to almost any purpose.

Many more striking models are now seen in mourning clothes than in the past, when but little attention was given to this department of dress, which really is quite as important as any other. Of course, simplicity should mark all gowns coats, hats and waists worn when one is in mourning, but that they should be entirely untrimmed is absurd. Besides crepe, numerous dull finished braids, stitched cloth bands and tiny folds of peau de soie are used to relieve the plainness of both street and house gowns. Crepe is naturally the handsomest of these trimmings and when used as a deep hem or bands in a skirt is very effective, but as many people do not care to wear crepe except during the period of deep mourning the other trimmings prove more useful. A remarkably good model treated in a novel fashion is shown by illustration No. 4. It is of broadcloth with a dull surface and is made with a five-gored skirt having a graceful flare at the bottom and is trimmed with a deep hem of crepe reaching nearly two-thirds of the way upon the skirt. This is headed by two narrow bands of cloth, the upper one being turned into diamonds with crepe centers and about eight inches below are sewed two more cloth bands. The coat is a short three-quarter length garment with fitted back and sides and half-fitted straight fronts which are ornamented first by a band of crepe and then by one of cloth formed into diamonds similar to those on the skirt. This same trimming is carried around the bottom and, also around the neck of the coat which is collarless and cut into a sharp V in front. The sleeves are of the regulation coat model with a moderate amount of fullness at the top and cloth and crepe cuffs; and the hat is of soft French felt trimmed with crepe and peau de soie rosettes.

Although bright red is supposed to be one of the most modish of winter colors, one does not see it used for street suits by ultra smart women, for these women dress, as a rule, in too good taste to be led into copying such a conspicuous fad even though it be marked by fashion's approval.

There are, of course, many shades of bright red in use, some of which are much less vivid than others, but they are all too brilliant for street walking gowns to be in good form. Bright shades of red are, however, so becoming to some women that it is hard to forego the pleasure of wearing it, and to these it will be satisfying to haer that the color is not forbidden for carriage or indoor wear, it is only as a street shade that it is tabooed. Dark wine, maroon and mahogany shades that may be considered tones of red are, however, held in high favor for street wear and they are, indeed, among the prettiest of this season's colors. Both in velvet and cloth they make rich, handsome gowns that harmonize perfectly with either blonde or brunette coloring. An attractive gown made of one of these popular colors, mahogany, is shown by illustration No. 5. The material is fine cloth and it is made with quite a military coat and a well-fitted skirt with a wide flare at the bottom. The coat is tight-fitting and has crossed fronts edged with rows of narrow fancy braid with horizontal rows of the same to mark where the coat fastens from the bust to below the waist line. There is, also, a narrow velvet collar at the back and deep cuffs of the same. The skirt fits quite smoothly over the hips, but springs out from about the knees into ample folds at the foot where it is trimmed by a pretty design made of the fancy braid. The hat is one of the newest shapes, being a broad, flat turban of velvet with the brim entirely formed of a full ruche tied through the middle by gold gauze ribbon and on the left side is an ostrich feather rising from a soft rosette of gold gauze ribbon.

The fashion of wearing lingerie waists and linen and lawn collars and cuffs during the winter season is steadily growing in favor so that at present there is almost as great a demand for these dainty articles as in spring and summer. Sheer, wash waists are worn by many women almost exclusively with coat and skirt suits, for owing to the warmth of the average city house heavier bodices are uncomfortable indoors and the wadded or fur lined or trimmed coats of the present season afford ample protection when out of doors. These waists are made of the finest linens and lawns and are elaborately embellished with hand-drawn work, fine embroidery, insertions of lace tiny tucks, smocking, shirring or some other style of fine needlework, and under them may be worn, if desired, long sleeved underwaists of white silk. Illustration No. 6 shows a pretty model for such a blouse. It is made of handkerchief linen and is trimmed with tucks and insertions of Valenciennes lace. The charm of such waists over those of silk or other unwashable materials is the dainty freshness that they impart to the costume, and it is this fact undoubtedly that makes them so popular. In the matter of collar and cuffs sets, those now used are exquisitely lovely, being made of very fine linen, French canvas, drilling and like materials hand embroidered in dainty raised designs. Among the newest are turnover collar and cuffs and stocks, edged with plaitings of sheer handkerchief linen like those illustrated in group one of the accompanying drawing. The upper collar and cuffs are simply embroidered in different sized polka dots above a deep scallop and the lower in a conventionalized chrysanthemum design. They range in price from three to $10, according to the work, and are appropriate for wear with both thin and heavy washable blouses. Group two illustrates the heavier style of collar in vogue. They are made of fine linen canvas, the upper collar being elaborately embroidered and made with wide buttonholes cut in the sides through which the necktie, either of a bow of four-in-hand variety is passed before being tied in front. The wide cuffs that match the collar are pointed on the upper side and reach nearly half way to the elbow, and the lower collar is untrimmed save for a broad hemstitching about the hem.

Among Christmas gifts one of the daintiest and most useful is a veil roll. A child's hoop-stick was the foundation. This wound several times with perfumed cotton and covered with silk of a pretty color, either embroidered or fagoted, has been very useful as well as a pretty sight when the drawer is opened. If a stick be not at hand, the stiff cardboard in which bottles come enclosed will do.

Thumbless mittens for the baby? Nobody seems to have heard of them. They are made just like other little knitted white mittens, only they have no thumbs, and why should they, for babies all make fists, whether they are girl babies or boy babies. And while they want a nice warm place to put their fists, they don't want to be bothered by the old-fashioned mitten.

Having very little closet room, and even less drawer space, you can originate quite a novel way of hanging up clothes. Take long hatpins (those without heads will do), fold shirt waists, and other waists, too, in thirds so that the sleeves are on the outside, and pin two waists on one pin through the collar bands. The under side, or the side where the head doesn't show, answers the purpose of a loop, which you can slip over a hook in the closet. Do the same with skirts, pinning them at the waistband. In this way you can hang as many as four waists or three skirts on one hook, and with scarcely a fold or crease in them when you put them on.

THE OPENING SESSION AT WASHINGTON

By ROBERTA V. BRADSHAW.

THERE is something distinctively characteristic and unique about the opening and the closing of the yearly sessions of the congress of these United States. I venture to say nowhere are such scenes duplicated. The proroguing of the British parliament by the king has a certain spectacular value and a certain value derived from custom and tradition. Again, it has lost much of its significance, inasmuch as it is a regular "feature" without innovation or special incident—much like the rising and the setting of the sun grows to be to those who don't live outdoors and watch the sky. There is a bit more life in the opening of the French chamber of deputies, and not without glory is the convening of the reichstag, but when you wish to see something exhilarating, something that you yourself, though the veriest onlooker, may take a part in, I commend you to the opening session of the two houses at Washington.

For a day, or two, or three days before the trains coming into the city are freighted with legislators and their retainers. The hotel lobbies take on an air like nothing so much as a "stag" reception.

The whole town is alive with how-de-do's and handshakes. Turn a corner and you witness unexpected meetings and see reverend seigniors, whose words and deeds make the land of our dreams, act like reverend schoolboys. Go where you will, you feel the quickened pulse of the city. Hither and thither scurry the messengers. On rush the cabs and carriages. The poor man's coach is no less crowded with an alert and keyed-up crowd. Little wonder if the knight of the bell rope fails to register the proper number of fares. Every stop on the journey to the Capitol the car takes on new passengers, and look where you will as you draw near the great house on the top of the hill, you catch glimpses of onward bearing masses of flowers. It seems to be a case of Birnam woods coming to Dunsinane, but the travelers bear blossoms instead of branches.

Once inside the great doors and a vast hum of voices greets you. You are pushed and jostled, first by pages borne down under a weight of flowers—huge baskets and bunches and "set pieces" galore—and then by hurrying men in eager groups of twos and threes, and again by hastening women garbed in their best and brightest.

Such a bustle to find the door where your card admits you, if it be you are so fortunate as to possess a card. On opening day cards go by favor, for each legislator has but two at his disposal. Once within the swinging doors, over which an affable, courteous but sorely tried individual stands guard, and there is a grand craning of necks to see the men on the floor of the senate.

If you have been a reader of the daily press, it will take but a little study to place the great ones. From the east and the west and the south they come, each typical to a degree. In the senate less than in the house those local traits which go so far toward making up a picturesque ensemble are evidenced, yet it doesn't take a very shrewd observer to differentiate between the smooth New Yorker, the business-like or scholarly New Englander, the suave southron and the energetic westerner.

If you entertain the idea that all these lawmakers bear down upon the Capitol with faces tense with purpose and with huge and weighty bills bulging out of their senatorial pockets, divest yourself of the notion at once. Very clearly the social feature predominates, and the floors and the anterooms and the galleries all bear evidence to the fact.

From your coign of vantage in the gallery gaze down upon the floor, and the scene just before the gavel of the presiding officer falls reminds you of nothing so much as a campus on the occasion of some great college reunion.

Here are "classmen" of all ages, from all the great main ways of our complex life—student, politician, professional man, business man; yes, and dilettante, too. Nowadays, thanks to the example set by the head of the nation, it is "good form" even for "society men" to take up politics.

The opening session is predominantly a social occasion. Sociability is uppermost in the minds of senators and representatives, who climbed the hill early and sought out comfortable corners in cloakrooms and committee rooms and retired with old cronies once again to fight the recent campaign. It is uppermost, too, in the minds of those who go in upon the floor to give and extend greetings in which there is no partisanship. There is no Democratic side, no Republican side—it all seems to be a case of "glad-hand" and clever speech and "good jokes." Desks are piled high with floral trophies, and let it be understood that the man with many flowers as he stands before them holding the hand of his little son certainly is not the gloomiest member of the assemblage.

The gallery, too, takes a hand, as when the vice president-elect enters the chamber there is a round of applause.

Right in the midst of the general handshaking falls the gavel of the president pro tem., and simultaneously with the call to order the sonorous voice of the Rev. Edward Everett Hale resounds through the chamber, where the babel of voices has been suddenly hushed.

It is a very simple and impressive ceremony—a word from the Scriptures and the invocation concluding with the Lord's prayer, in which the voices of many of the senators join; the roll call; the formal notification of each house to the other that it is in session, and the formal notification of the same fact by both to the president. In brief words then the deaths in the senate are announced by the surviving colleagues and resolutions expressive of the senate's sorrow are sent up.

Thirteen minutes after the gavel falls the senate has adjourned and a burst of gay voices follows the hush.

"The king is dead; long live the king!" In a trice the floor is all animation again and the gallery ditto.

Look about you in the galleries and you will see faces seamed with care, fatuous faces unmarked, eager faces, questioning faces, vapidly curious faces—young and old, men and women, white and black and yellow. A company well-clad, ill-clad, well-fed, ill-fed—cosmopolis in a nutshell.

Make inquiries and you will hear that for 30 years and more the same faces reappear in these galleries on opening days. Why or wherefore no one knows, whence or whither tending no one knows, or cares. Decorous, quiet, attentive, interested—poor souls out of joint with the times, relicts perhaps of days and issues long dead.

There are old-timers who know just where to look to see the men of the hour, and as ever in a crowd there bobs up the man or the woman who knows everybody, has seen everything and is delightedly willing and thoroughly competent to give information.

At least such a one thinks he is, and, after all, self-confidence is the great requisite to success, for in a second he has impressed himself upon the eager crowd and every word is snapped up.

"Ah, see there, that smooth-looking gentleman with the creases in his trousers and the patent leather boots—that's Senator Hearst. Don't you know Senator Hearst, who owns so many newspapers and has such a lot of money and who tried so hard to 'make' the Democratic nomination for president?" he remarks, sotto voce, and instantly every neck is stretched.

It doesn't in the least matter if no two of the listeners have "picked up" the real senator. Everybody thinks he has, and that makes everybody happy and knowing. He goes forth promptly and joins the ranks of those who in the goodness of their hearts and the paucity of their knowledge constitute themselves special committees to disseminate intelligence.

"D'ye see them two down there, talkin' very attentive-like? Well, that's Senator Depew and Senator Platt from my state; I'm from N'Yawk—that's my state, and I'm goin' to be down here all winter, but I wuddent miss the first day just for the rain and snow. Lord bless ye, it snows in N'Yawk," broke in my neighbor, a wee, little, weazened old lady of 70 years.

"N'Yawk's a great state, and Senator Depew is talkin' to Senator Platt. Ye see, Senator Depew wants back in the sènate, and he wants Senator Platt t' help him beat Gov. Odell, who wants the job himself—that's what he does," chuckled the little old lady, hanging feebly on the staff of a dripping umbrella and snuggling down into her worn furs.

"N'Yawk's a great state; I'm from N'Yawk—"

But the rambling soliloquy was cut short by a giggling bevy of schoolgirls in the convoy of a perturbed little preceptress. The girls were having a practical demonstration of Washington life. They looked as though they would have enjoyed it much better if the men had been nearer and—younger.

"Now, young ladies, please pay attention—that gentleman over there talking to the group of men with their backs this way—that is Senator Cockrell. Quite contrary to the usual precedent, Mizzouree deflected to the Republican party and Senator Cockrell therefore will retire from the house after many years of honorable service at the close of this session.

"Young ladies, please pay attention. That is Vice President-Elect Fairbanks. Yes; the tall gentleman. Young ladies (severely), you will please remember what I tell you, as I expect to have you answer questions I will put to you when we return—" (Great consternation in the ranks.)

"If I had a pencil and a pad I'd put it down, and then I could remember."

Pencil and pad and large sections of information were promptly forthcoming, and the young ladies set to work.

"Oh, I say, Sue, I can't remember them just by their names—let's describe 'em. Now, there's Mr. Depew—I mean Senator Depew, and Mr. Deplatt from New York—now, what are they like? Oh, yes; Mr. Depew—I mean Senator Depew—has a big nose, and—oh, dear me! there goes Mr. Deplatt—oh, yes, Mr. Deplatt walks as though he had tight shoes—"

"I don't think he walks like tight shoes—he walks like his feet hurt," interpolated another puzzled student of national affairs, and down went Mr. Deplatt as "man with sore feet from New York!"

"And let me see—there's Mr. Lodge from—from—Mr. Lodge, who is the president's friend and who makes the senate do what the president says.

"He's very polite and gentlemanly-looking, and Mr. Fairbanks, who was elected to something—who will do what Mr. Frye's doing now when this term's over—Mr. Fairbanks—oh, I mean Senator Fairbanks, is the very long man, and the new senator from—from—Valley Forge is Mr. Knox—a little short man, who used to be the president's lawyer.

"Senator Penrose is the great big man from Philadelphia, and Senator Spooner is the man with a lot of hair—dear me, I know I'm getting them all mixed up—"

"Sue, do tell me who is the man who has very little hair, don't you remember?"

"Why, I think most of 'em have very little hair," broke in the baited Susan with a despairing sigh; "for my part I'd a lot sooner take a lesson out of a book—but, anyway, Mr. Tillman, from down south, who is always fighting, got the most flowers."

"Where do we have to go next? I'm about starved to death now," protested the limp little maid with brown eyes, as the entire delegation swept out into the surging crowd. A moment or two later I saw them break down the hill, like hounds from the leash, in pursuit of a car, leaving a horrified teacher dodging a cab and coupe and brougham in a wild effort to keep pace and maintain dignity.

Down hurried the wide thoroughfares dashed the vehicles. Away hurried the messengers with their loads of blossoms. In a thousand different ways went the great concourse of rich and poor, humble and haughty, known and unknown, and another congress was formally set in motion.

The Impertinence of Charles Edward.

(Continued from Page 7.)

Before they went in to dinner, Lady Emscott got a moment with her husband.

"Frederick," she said, "I never saw that young man."

But then dinner was announced.

Dinners are very much like dinners the world over. The points at the table where Charles Edward and Singer were seated are the only ones which require watching. Austin had discussed two books, three plays and the comparative healthfulness of the air of Hampstead and the Regent's park with Mrs. Buxton before he turned to Lady Angela. He meant that everyone, Lady Emscott especially, should see that it was almost a sacrifice he had made in having Lady Angela next him. But he trusted that he could speedily remove any such impression from the mind of that young woman herself.

"What do you think of Mrs. Frampton's looks?" inquired Angelæ.

"That," replied her host, "depends very much on what you happen individually to think of hair that color."

"I think perhaps it was nicer when it was a brighter red. You liked her immensely, I expect. All men do."

"Oh, well——"

"Mother is too funny taking care of Helena. You know what she is like. She gets so confused with Helena's attendant swains. She had great difficulty in remembering you."

"I should hate to say anything against your mother's memory."

"That sounds as if she were a historical character." Lady Angela laughed, and Charles Edward was again safely across the ice. Indeed, he was now flushed with victory. It was his moment of pride, and it came before a fall in the conversational vigor of his guests when he and Lady Angela both heard Singer.

"He is so amusing," he confided to Lady Emscott, deserting Asian wilds for the moment, and taking up their host as a topic. "He had a most extraordinary idea for tonight. Of course, he didn't carry it out when he found he could get you people. He told me he would get together a party composed of people he had never met before." Singer explained in somewhat greater detail the humor of the original idea.

Charles Edward felt the chill of suspicion creep slowly over the company. The conversation became general after a short, but, to the unhappy host, bloodcurdling pause. Without daring to watch any one, he could feel the interchange of confidences. For one moment he relied on Mrs. Revell to stem the tide. She knew who he was. No; she only knew who he said he was! Through the intermediation of Mrs. Wilding, much reached his lordship's ear. At first he smiled rather scornfully, but after listening a little longer to the lady's murmurings he sent a glance at Charles Edward that brought that youth's eyes up from his plate as an electric shock might have done. He left Mrs. Buxton to struggle for her right hand neighbor's attention as best she might, and turned to Lady Angela.

"Well?" inquired the young woman.

"I suppose now I shall never be allowed to see you again."

"Do you really know any one in England?"

"Lady Buller-Warren is my cousin. She's an American, you know. But she is in America."

"Elizabeth Warren! Oh, but how can I tell you are speaking the truth now?"

"I don't know how you can. But I am."

"What possessed you to do this?"

"I dined," said Charles Edward, "at the Savoy last Wednesday, not so very far from your table."

"By-the-by, Mr. Austin," Lord Emscott launched at his host across the table.

"Here it comes," said Charles Edward.

Then Lady Angela crossed the Rubicon.

"Isn't it extraordinary, father," she said, "that mother never told me about Mr. Austin's being Elizabeth Buller-Warren's cousin?"

"Perhaps not so strange," retorted Lady Emscott, and as the conversation seemed to include the whole circumference of the table, every one stopped to listen.

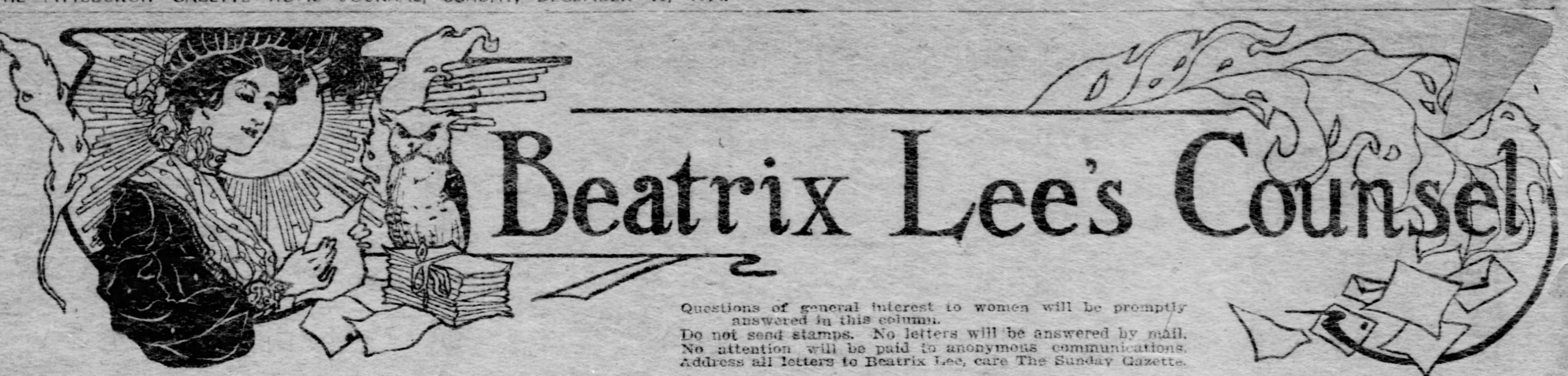
"When I first saw Mr. Austin tonight I couldn't make out," Lady Angela went on, "why his face was so extraordinarily familiar to me. But when he spoke of his cousin I remembered at once. She has a large photograph of him standing on a writing table in her boudoir. Elizabeth used to tell me about him often. But somehow I didn't realize that our Mr. Austin and Elizabeth's were the same."

Lord Emscott felt solid ground beneath his feet once more. If one could not count on the untrustworthiness of Caroline's memory, on what could one count? Just then a waiter called upon him to choose between fine champagne, Chartreuse and kummel dore, and, applying his mind to this problem, he forgot the other. Singer started afresh the discussion with Buxton on the advance of Russia toward India, and the dinner, reported afterward by every one to have been especially successful, passed on beautifully to its end.

"I can't tell you what you are," murmured the host to his left hand neighbor. "At least not on so short an acquaintance."

"You see what you have made me. You must be Elizabeth's cousin now, if she has to adopt you."

"I swear I am. If I hadn't been, I wouldn't have let you do what you did."



Beatrix Lee's Counsel

Questions of general interest to women will be promptly answered in this column.
Do not send stamps. No letters will be answered by mail.
No attention will be paid to anonymous communications.
Address all letters to Beatrix Lee, care The Sunday Gazette.

Q. I am a reader of The Gazette, and I would like you to answer a few questions. I am 20 years of age and am engaged to a man of 25. Do you think it proper for me to buy him a Christmas gift, and what would be proper for me to get him? I have not been around in this world much. I have to make my own living and cannot go to much expense. —A. C. R.

A. There would be no impropriety in giving your betrothed some simple gift at Christmas. Your knowledge of the man's habits and tastes should guide you in your selection. For a man that smokes, a pipe, pipe rack or match box might prove acceptable. If he is fond of books, one of his favorites in a plain, substantial binding would be welcome. A cloth brush, or hat brush, a pocket wallet, military brushes or fine linen handkerchiefs with his initials embroidered in the corner would be articles acceptable to most any man.

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Q. Last Sunday I asked for something to quiet the nerves. I am so nervous when I go out in a crowd in the evening I can never sleep that night until almost morning. The next day I feel miserable. If you know of anything for a nervous wreck, will you kindly tell me in next Sunday's column? Now, as I have given you this recitation and sent you one last week, will you kindly grant me this favor? Also, there is a friend of mine who wishes to ask the following question:—M. D.

A. Thank you for the recitation, which our space does not admit of our using this week. As to a cure for "nerves"—this is one of the most difficult things to attain. If you are so nervously excitable as to lose a night's sleep after a social evening and are under the necessity of going to your business next day, my advice would be to forego your evening's dissipation. Learn to take your pleasures in such way that your nervous trouble will not be intensified. Fresh air is a great tonic to the nerves, also good digestion and a healthy satisfied appetite. Some nervous people derive benefit from cold sponge baths taken either at bedtime or upon rising in the morning. Others feel calmed and rested from a salt rub. Each must determine from experience what best suits her case. I am sorry that your answer did not appear promptly, but it is impossible to promise answers within any specified time. I can recommend no remedy for your friend's trouble. In my experience anything that has been tried in the way of remedy has but aggravated the trouble.

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Q. I have noticed that you answer almost every sort of question in your column, so take the liberty of asking you to help me. I have been keeping company with a young man about nine months. When he started to call upon me his family did not live in this town, but they have moved here lately. I am acquainted with the whole family, so when I met his brother on the street I shook hands and asked how they liked the town. This man then told his brother I wanted to be "too friendly." How should I treat him after this? My friend told me just to nod when I met any of his family and act independent with all of them. Do you think this would be correct?—C. M.

A. If your friend's brother has behaved as you state, I certainly would advise you to waste very little time on him. Why not act on the suggestion your friend has given and nod pleasantly when you meet them, but allow further advances to come from them. Your conduct on meeting the brother was perfectly proper, and his remark was uncalled for and boorish in the extreme.

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Q. As I am a constant reader of The Pittsburgh Gazette and very much interested in your column, will you please give me two interesting Christmas recitations?—E. E. R. V.

A. You do not state what style of recitation you wish. There are numerous prose and poetic selections appropriate to the season and I give the names of several from which you can doubtless make a suitable selection. First possibly in universal regard, is Milton's "Nativity Hymn." There is also another very beautiful and dignified "Hymn on the Nativity," by Ben Johnson. Either of these could be had from any library. If you wish something that will please the children "A Visit from St. Nicholas," by Clement C. Moore, would prove very acceptable. Longfellow has several Christmas songs that you could get from a book of his poems. There is also a "Christmas Song," by Tudor Jenks, and another very pretty poem by Nora Hopper, under the title "The Eve of Mary." Any of these would be appropriate, but you can tell by reading them over which would suit best the particular occasion for which you wish it.

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Q. I am a constant reader of The Gazette and would thank you to answer the following question for me: I was told there was no Catholic church in Scotland, but I know there is. We had an argument, however, and I would like to have it settled. Will you also kindly put in your column the two songs "When the Roses Bloom Beside the River" and "I Will Be There, Mary, Dear."

A. You are quite correct in your contention—there are certainly Roman Catholic churches in Scotland. It is not, however, the predominant faith there. The two songs you request will be published as soon as they can be looked up and our space permits.

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Q. Will you please tell me whether there is a home for aged men near Pittsburgh, or the nearest you know of? I would like to have answer in your next paper. Please give me the address, if possible, of any one you know.—M. C. C.

A. There is a Home for Aged Protestants in Wilkinsburg and also a Home for Aged Couples, at Penn and Wenton avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa. If you would address the superintendent of either of these institutions you will doubtless get what information you seek.

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Q. Being an interested reader of your page and seeing a request for the song, "Just Before the Battle, Mother," and having the words, I thought I would send them in for the benefit of "R. A. C." I have a girl and find it impossible to interest her in housework. She is nearly 13 years old and I think it time for her to begin. She seems to have no aptitude for anything pertaining to housework. I have tried everything I can think of without success. I hope you can help me out.—MRS. L. B.

A. Thank you kindly for the song you send, but this was previously submitted by another reader. Your little girl is still very young to take anything very seriously. Have you given her a room to herself and allowed her to arrange it according to her taste? This sometimes does a great deal toward giving a girl a sense of responsibility and pleasure in her belongings. Let her have a key to her room, to her bureau and desk, and make only an occasional inspection. If you allow the little girl to make her father's pet dessert or cake for him, or to make the Sunday dinner dessert, or show her how to make some particular dish she likes, it will often arouse an interest in culinary achievement. Learn what some of her little friends make and inspire her to make something "just as nice." Many times mothers are too economical to allow children to learn to cook. Of course, they will waste some, but if you give your daughter a genuine appreciation and pleasure, in the proper accomplishment of household duties, it will be money well spent.

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Q. Would you please answer the following questions for me? How should I go about getting into a hospital to learn to be a trained nurse? Would I have to get a doctor to make the application, or could I do it myself? What kind of clothes would I need, and about how much would they cost. Please answer in the Sunday Gazette, and I will thank you very much for the information.—ELIZABETH.

A. If you will send your application to the superintendent of nurses at any of the hospitals in the city you will receive a circular and all necessary information. Your name and address has been given to one of the city hospitals, and they will send you data from which you can determine possibly all you wish.

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Some time ago a reader requested the words of the song "The Vacant Chair." These have been sent in by "Mrs. E. E. C.," and are as follows:

THE VACANT CHAIR.

We shall meet, but we shall miss him,
There will be one vacant chair;
We shall linger to caress him,
While we breathe our evening prayer.
When a year ago we gathered,
Joy was in his mild blue eye,
But a golden cord is severed,
And our hopes in ruins lie.

At our fireside, sad and lonely,
Often will the bosom swell,
At remembrance of the story—
How our noble Willie fell.
How he strove to bear our banner
Thro' the thickest of the fight,
And uphold our country's honor,
In the strength of manhood's might.

True they tell us wreaths of glory,
Ever more will deck his brow,
But this soothes the anguish only,
Sweeping o'er our heart strings now.
Sleep today, O early fallen,
In thy green and narrow bed.
Dirges from the pine and cypress
Mingle with the tears we shed.

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Q. Will you give me in your column the words of the songs "Reply to the Gypsy's Warning" and "Do They Miss Me At Home?"—L. M. J.

A. It has been impossible to obtain the words of the first song mentioned. Perhaps some one can send it in for you. The other song is very familiar. The words are given below:

DO THEY MISS ME AT HOME?

Do they miss me at home, do they miss me?
'Twould be an assurance most dear,
To know at this moment some lov'd one
Were saying "I wish he were here."
To feel that the group at the fireside,
Were thinking of me as I roam.
Oh, yes, 'twould be joy beyond measure
To know that they miss me at home,
To know that they miss me at home.

When twilight approaches, the season
That ever is sacred to song,
Does some one repeat my name over
And sigh that I tarry so long?
And is there a chord in the music
That's missed when my voice is away,
And a chord in each heart that awaketh
Regret at my wearisome stay,
Regret at my wearisome stay.

Do they set me a chair near the table,
When evening's home pleasures are nigh,
When the candles are lit in the parlor,
And the stars in the calm, azure sky?
And when the "good-nights" are repeated,
And all lay them down to their sleep,
Do they think of the absent and waft me
A whispered "good-night" while they weep,
A whispered "good-night" while they weep?

Do they miss me at home, do they miss me?
At morning, at noon, or at night,
And lingers one gloomy shade round them
That only my presence can light?
Are joys less invitingly welcome,
And pleasures less hale than before,
Because one is missed from the circle,
Because I am with them no more,
Because I am with them no more.

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We wish to thank "Mrs. E. E. C.," "Mrs. E. M. P." and "M. D." for the words of a song which, however, had appeared before their letters arrived.

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Q. As I have been a reader of your column, will you please give me some advice as to the correction of my little girl? She is 5 years old and is so stubborn and disobedient, and always angry. I have tried to please her and teach her in every way, but I cannot manage her. She is not delicate; she has excellent health. She always has the last word. Would you kindly publish in The Sunday Gazette the words of the song "The Wearing of the Green?"—MRS. H. F.

A. Your little girl is rather young to discipline very severely, but it seems to me a child in good health could be taught some degree of cheerful obedience. As to stubbornness that has always seemed to me rather inborn and often times hereditary. Where a child is proverbially stubborn, do you not think it the wisest course to avoid coming to an open issue, except in rare instances? Of course, where it has come to a point of authority or the child yielding, it is always best to see that your authority is maintained. As to the little girl having the last word: Why is it necessary to argue with her at all? Simply tell her what is to be done and disregard her remarks on the subject altogether. When your little child is older she will probably be more easily reasoned into a better frame of mind on this subject. Of the many songs that have been written with this title and sentiment, this one by Dion Boucicault is best known in this country. It is the song of "Shaun the Post" in the play of "Arrah na Pogue." There was an old Irish revolutionary street ballad in which the imaginary conversation between Bonaparte and an Irishman takes place, and this is supposed to be the foundation of the song.

WEARING OF THE GREEN.

Oh, Paddy, dear, and did you hear the news that's going round,
The Shamrock is forbid by law to grow on Irish ground,
St. Patrick's day no more we'll keep, his colors can't be seen,
For there's a bloody law again the wearin' of the green.

I met with Napper Tandy and he tuk me by the hand,
And he said, "How's poor ould Ireland and how does she stand?"
She's the most distressful country that ever you have seen;
They're hangin' men and women there for the wearin' of the green.

Then since the color we must wear is England's cruel red,
Sure Ireland's sons will ne'er forget the blood that they've shed.
You may take the shamrock from your hat and cast it on the sod,
But 'twill take root and flourish still, tho' underfoot 'tis trod.

When the law can stop the blades of grass from growin' as they grow,
And when the leaves in summer time their verdure dare not show,
Then I will change the color I wear in my caubeen;
But till that day, please God, I'll stick to wearin' of the green.

But if at last our color should be torn from Ireland's heart.
Her sons with shame and sorrow from the dear old soil will part;
I've heard whisper of a country that lies far beyant the say,
Where rich and poor stand equal, in the light of freedom's day.

Oh, Erin, must we lave you, driven by the tyrant's hand,
Must we ask a mother's welcome from a strange but happy land?
Where the cruel cross of England's thraldom never shall be seen,
And where, thank God, we'll live and die, still wearin' of the green.

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The following communication was received from one of our weekly readers and it is printed in full, because, in the first place, we enjoyed it mightily; in the second, because it makes us feel that we do not live and labor in vain, and thirdly, because we think it good stuff and trust you will profit thereby:

Editress Lee:

There, that suits, whether you are Miss or Madam. I was called to breakfast last Sunday with the usual call for me, "Beatrix has come." Thereupon I wended my way to the breakfast table, glanced at the headlines on the front pages of The Gazette, and then sat down to a half hour's coffee, kaffeekuchen and Beatrix's Counsel. The questions always put me in a good humor and cause me to enjoy the coffee so much the more. When I came to the request for a formula for "Weinachts Stollen," I read it to my wife and told her to answer it. "No, Mousey," said she (my name is Erasmus, eras-mus, Latin, mus, mouse) "no, sir, I'll not answer it. The American housewife couldn't make a stollen if she would and wouldn't if she could. She can't go anything higher than gingerbread or molasses taffy with peanuts."

Finally she consented to give me the formula she has been using for over 20 years, and that has been in our family since the time of Erasmus.

Six pounds of finest flour, one and one-half yeast cakes, one and one-half pounds of butter, four eggs, one pound currants, one pound raisins, 10 cents' worth each rosewater and orange flavoring, one-half citron peel, one teaspoonful salt and one-half pound finely-chopped almonds (not peanuts, but almonds), milk enough for soft dough. Set sponge with well worked flour over night with the half yeast cake. Mix dough in the morning, add all ingredients—in lege artis. Have all well warmed. Add to the warmed milk the whole yeast cake. Work dough as for bread but not so stiff. Set warm to raise. Shape to suit, long loaf, crescent shape, etc. Let raise in pan again before ovening. Paint surface before ovening with egg yellow and sugar, to give glaze or ice, before baking.

These German Christmas bakery things cannot be equaled anywhere, but, but, but you've got to use lots of material and labor. The end justifies the means. But, dear inquirer, I'll bet a big red apple against a broom straw, that you do not make "Weinachts Stollen" and send me a slice as proof.—CALIGULA.

The editor wishes to state that a recipe was also sent in by "Mrs. J. W. B." for "Leipziger Stolle," but this was in German, which unfortunately could not be used without translation. If anyone wishes further formulae, however, we will take pleasure in printing this translation.

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The Beautiful Princess.

ONCE upon a time there was an old witch, she was too homely to describe. Her hair was coarse and greasy, she always wore a feather hanging in her hair. This witch lived on the summit of a very high mountain, where there were great black bears, wolves and a great many other ferocious animals.

Just below the mountain was a beautiful land, where fairies lived. There was a fairy named Dray, who lived in this fairyland. She was not a nice fairy (like most fairies are), but very, very bad.

Dray would often go up to see this old witch. So one day when she went to see her, they mixed a medicine, that would change people into all different kinds of animals.

There was a beautiful princess living in a castle near-by. The witch did not like the princess. One of the princess' brothers had been turned into a big black bear by this old witch.

One night the witch heard a low moaning sound on her doorstep, she put her head out of the window, and saw the beautiful princess sitting on her doorstep sobbing in great distress.

"What is it you want here?" asked the witch. "I want my brother," replied the princess. "Well," said the witch, "he is easily gotten." So she gave three low whistles and the fairy Dray appeared. "Go," said the witch, "and bring her brother." The fairy vanished and in a little while the big black bear (that had been the prince), appeared. "What is it you want with me?" he said, (for the witch in changing him to a bear, had forgotten to change his voice). "Your sister is here and wants to see you," said the witch; "just step inside." The bear went up to his sister and hugged and kissed her, in bear fashion. The princess was not a bit afraid, because she knew he would not hurt her. They talked for a long time, and then they departed.

"Oh!" said the princess, "If I could only have my brother back again." "You can" said the witch, "if you do what I tell you." "You see the brook down there, go and bring the fishes from it. Take the scales from every fish, sew them together and make a dress for me. Never speaking to any one until the dress is finished."

"Oh!" said the princess, "That will take me so many, many years."

"Yes, but do you not want your brother back?" replied the witch.

"Yes," answered the princess.

She departed from the witch and went off and got the fishes, took them to a cave in the mountain and started to make the dress. She worked night and day, never uttering a word. One day there was a little boy came and found her in the cave. He ask her what she was making, but she would not answer him. The boy ran away in fright, thinking she was a witch. He told his father what he had seen. His father got some other men and went to the cave.

The princess would not speak to them, so supposing her to be a witch they were going to kill her. She had the dress almost finished, so she worked faster and faster, so just when the man had his gun raised to shoot her, she finished sewing on the last scale. Then she cried, "Oh, don't shoot me, I want to see my brother again." The man put down his gun and just then there was a loud sound and the witch and the bear appeared.

The witch asked her if she had spoken before the dress was finished. "No," said the princess; "not until I had the last scale sewed on." "Well, you want your brother back," said the witch. "Oh, yes, if you please," replied the princess.

The witch said a few words, which was a charm and the bear turned into a prince. Then the witch vanished and she and Dray never bothered the beautiful princess again.

And you may know the princess was glad to have her brother with her again.

GEORGIA S. PIERCE, age 14, New Florence, Pa.

GRANDFATHER.

Grandfather sits in his chair in the kitchen,
 Grandfather dear, and me.
The fire burns red in the stove, I can see it,
 Sitting on grandfather's knee.
Grandfather says how he used to hold father—
 Same as he's now holding me;
Grandmother dear, was a pretty young lady,
 Father, her own boy, you see.

The tea kettle bubbles and boils so sleepy,
 Over the fire there.
Grandfather tells how the Injuns scalped him,
 That's how he lost his hair.
And once, when he was a little shaver,
 Not a bit bigger than me,
He had a squirrel that slept in his pocket
 Tame as it could be.

Grandfather says he could whittle a soldier,
 But the tea kettle bubbles so,
Grandfather's voice sounds up in the attic,
 Queer and soft and slow.
The fire burns low and the tea kettle bubbles,
 I have such a heavy head
I don't remember; but grandfather says that
 He carried me up to bed.

—Carolyn S. Bailey, in Good Housekeeping.

THE MOTHER'S STRIKE.

Such a dream I had! So dreadful
 That I never heard the like;
For I dreamt that on a sudden
 The mammas agreed to strike.

"We are tired," I heard them murmur,
 "Tired of working night and day,
And not always hearing 'Thank you!'
 Such long hours and such poor pay!"

So they would not mend the jackets
 Nor the holes in stockings small;
No one ran to kiss the bruises
 When poor Tommy caught a fall.

No one bound up wounded fingers,
 No one glued the broken toys,
No one answered all the questions
 Of the eager little boys.

No one tied the little bonnets,
 No one brushed the little curls,
No one basted dolly dresses
 For the busy little girls.

No one heard their little troubles,
 No one held them on her lap,
No one sewed on truant buttons,
 No one hunted Johnny's cap.

And there were no bedtime stories,
 And no loving hands to tuck
Blankets soft round little sleepers,
 For their mothers all had struck.

Oh, so lonesome and so dreadful
 And so queer it all did seem!
Aren't you glad, dear little children,
 It was nothing but a dream?

—ELIZABETH H. THOMAS, in Youth's Companion.

The Lucky Prince.

ONCE upon a time there was a king who was growing very old. He knew he was not going to live very long, so he was trying to decide which one of his sons was worthy of his kingdom. But he could not, so he said he would give them three things to do, and whoever did them best would get the kingdom.

So one day he called them together and told them of his plan. He said that they were to start the next day and the one that came back with the biggest apple he could find, the smallest kitten and the prettiest girl he could have his kingdom when he died.

So they started next day and went on together till they came to where four roads met. One was shady, with green vines and trees on each side, this the oldest one took; another was pretty meadows of daisies and the second son took this; the other was dark and desolate looking, with nothing alive in sight, this road the youngest took.

The youngest started out on his new road and walked along till about 5 o'clock, and feeling hungry he sat down and took out his lunch; he had been eating awhile when he heard a noise behind him, he looked around and saw a little bird, he offered it some bread and cake and it ate them, coming nearer all the time till it was sitting on his hand. All at once the bird said: "Where are you going?" The prince told her what he was looking for. The bird said that she was a princess and that a wicked witch had turned her into a bird for seven years, which would be up that evening at 12 o'clock.

He made two beds of leaves, one for the bird and one for himself. The next morning when he woke up instead of seeing a bird he saw a beautiful princess, the prettiest person he had ever seen. When she woke he asked her to come home with him. She said she would. And she disappeared into a hollow tree, and came out in a few minutes with two packages. She opened the biggest, and there was the largest apple he had ever seen. And the other was a walnut, which she slit open, and there was a little kitten.

They closed the walnut and took the apple and set out for the palace. When they arrived the king came out to greet them, and he said that his two brothers had come in an hour before.

Then they laid all the apples out and the one the youngest prince had brought was the biggest, and when they brought the kittens out, the one in the walnut shell was the smallest, and the princess that had given him the apple and the kitten was the prettiest.

Not long after that the king died and the youngest prince was made king and he married the princess.

HELEN G. SHARP, age 11, 408 Dock St., Steubenville, O.

How to Keep Goldfish.

First of all, you must often change the water, and if you have sand at the bottom of the bowl let it dry and bake in the oven sometimes. If you have stones or shells instead, wash them well in running water, or else after a time they get slimy and then the fish may get ill and have that white fluffy growth round their fins. While cleaning out the aquarium, never catch or touch the fish with your hands, for this bruises them. Take a net and use it very carefully. Do not over-feed them. Ants' eggs should be their only food, two a day is about right for each fish.

The Fairy's Riddle.

ONCE upon a time there lived in the forest two brothers, (they were woodcutters). Jack, the eldest brother was cruel, while Tim, the younger, was kind and always ready to help anyone who was poor. One day as Tim was walking through the forest he met an old man carrying a basket full of wood.

"Please help me," said the old man. Tim carried the basket to the old man's hut. "For what you have done for me I will give you this bell; when you need help ring it three times and a fairy will appear before you, asking what you wish."

Tim took the bell and left the old man's hut. Jack went through the woods that same morning, too. As he went before Tim, he met the old man first. When he asked for Jack to lend him aid, Jack said: "No, I have my own work to do." The old man said, "Here take this horn, and when you need help blow it three times." Jack took the horn and went to work.

After Tim had taken the bell he went to his work. On returning home he met a fox dragging a trap behind him, which was fastened on his hind legs. Tim went and released the fox from his torment; the fox gave him a bunch of hair, which, when he was in trouble, if burnt he would receive aid.

At that time, the princess of the land said she would make the man her husband who could give her a riddle which she could not answer; if she guessed it the man who had tried should become her slave.

Many men had tried it only to be put to hard work the rest of their lives.

Tim having heard of this, proposed to try for the princess. He burnt the hair and when the fairy appeared he asked to know of a riddle which would be hard to guess. The fairy said: "What is it that is poor and old and yet a young prince?" The fairy said the answer to it was: "A prince who has been changed by a witch into an old man."

The fairy then disappeared and Tim hastened to a castle, which he knew was the king's.

He asked the princess his question, and after thinking for a good while the princess said she did not know, and asked him the answer. When Tim told her, she said: "I have one more task for you to perform; build a castle bigger and more costly than this, have the walls studded with diamonds, have your walks built out of gold. If you fail you shall be beheaded."

Tim left; how was he to do all this? At last he thought of the bell.

Jack went to work after having received the horn. As he was cutting down a tree the heavy bough fell to the ground. Jack tried to get out of the way in time, but he was too late, the bough fell on his legs, pinning him to the ground. He struggled to free himself, but could not. At last he thought of the horn. He blew the horn and 12 evil-looking elves appeared; they (freed) released the evil Jack from the tree and then said: "Come," Jack followed them until they came to a rocky mountain; up this they climbed, and at last came to the door they used; in this they went, bringing Jack with them.

In the mountain there were mines, where the elves lived. In these mines Jack was made to work. The elves told him for not helping the old man he would have to labor hard the rest of his life.

After thinking of the bell, Tim rang it three times, when the fairy appeared, Tim told it his trouble. The fairy then disappeared. In the morning when Tim awoke he saw the castle as he had directed it to be built. Tim then married the princess and they went to live in the castle the fairy had built. After the king's death he was made king and the princess queen, but Jack never knew what had happened to Tim, for he soon died in the mines, and the elves threw his body into the river.

ELMER DALZELL, age 12, 1218 Second Av., Beaver Falls, Pa.

JACK AND JILL.

A True Story.

Jack and Jill were kittens small,
Dearly loved by one and all.
Jack was gray, both dark and light,
Jill was marked with black and white.

In youthful days these kittens wee
Were just as cute as they could be;
They'd run and jump and scratch and bite
From early morn till late at night.

And of those kits, one thing was true,
What Jackie did Jill too would do;
Let Jackie run and catch a fall
Jill would roll after like a ball.

One day, when Jack was looking round,
He thought he'd climb up off the ground
And take a look, if he were able,
Into the pail upon the table.

He jumped up quick, but oh dear me,
How sad that such a thing should be!
The pail was full of water bright,
And Jackie went way out of sight.

Now Jill had always followed Jack,
So had no thought of turning back,
But in the pail went with a bound,
And there next day they both were found.

—Mrs. George Grey, in Good Housekeeping.

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Topics of the Week.

Cabinet convulsions are frequent in European nations, and at least two have resigned within a week. Little attention is paid to the changes in the Servian cabinet, since the bitterness engendered by the murder of the royal family has been disappearing. There is more interest to Americans in the fortunes of the Spanish cabinet, which dissolved because the young king refused to sign the commission of Gen. Lono as chief of staff. As soon as the ministry headed by Senor Maura retired, the king summoned the premier and asked him to form a new cabinet. But this Maura refused to do unless parliament should be dissolved. Then King Alfonso turned to Senor Azcarraga, a former premier, who insisted that he must have the support of Maura and Silvela in making his selections. The ministry has been made unpopular because of the edict against bull fighting on Sunday, and although this reason does not appear on the surface, it has its influence on the retirement of the ministers and the difficulty in securing new ones. The situation is also complicated by the unrest in Morocco and the appearance of France as a police power to assist in controlling that territory.

SENOR MAURA.

The snug little nation of Switzerland is approaching the centenary of its independence, which was guaranteed by the powers in 1815. The power of the individual cantons is so great that the election of a president does not attract the attention that it might in some other countries. While the president is forbidden to serve more than one year, the custom of electing the vice president to the office has become so firmly established as to be regarded as a certainty. M. Ruchert has just been chosen the chief executive to succeed M. Comtesse, and he will take his seat in January. In spite of the law forbidding a standing army the little state is considerably exercised over military matters, being especially afraid of encroachments by the French. Every man is liable to service in case of war, but peace policies have generally prevailed. In legislation Switzerland is the home of the initiative and referendum system which is practiced extensively. As the home of the Red Cross movement Switzerland has commanded an influential position among nations, while her theories concerning the supremacy of the state have been held up as models by other people. In addition to the president and vice president the national council has chosen the seven executive officers who are to administer the government for another year.

The mass meeting held in New York city Friday night in favor of the principle of arbitration for the settlement of international disputes adopted resolutions urging the senate to ratify the arbitration treaties pending or likely to be presented. This was only one of a series of meetings which will be held in the principal cities for the same object. Advantage was taken of the presence in New York of several members of the civic federation, who are also interested in the peace question, to secure addresses from them. Archbishop Ireland dwelt on the glories which have been possible in war and extolled the greater honor which may be achieved by a peaceful settlement of disputes. Attention was called by the speakers to the fact that battles should be tolerated no more than duels between individuals and that in the victory of arms neither the winner by brute force nor the loser can prove that right prevailed. A letter was received from former President Cleveland cordially approving the object of the meeting, while John Mitchell wrote in a similar strain. All this time Secretary Hay is engaged in negotiating treaties with diplomats in Washington, so that when the senate is ready to act on the subject there will be several of these agreements for their consideration. Great credit was given Mr. Hay by the meeting for his interest in such treaties and attention was called by Mayor McClellan, the presiding officer, to the fact that more than half of the arbitration treaties promulgated in the world have been prepared by this nation.

The Wall street flurry which started a week ago has continued in a modified way, although the market rallied from the influence of the first bull attack which forced down some securities as much as 20 points. Some people still insist that T. W. Lawson is responsible for the trouble because he has been attacking the "system" in a magazine and has recently been publishing inflammatory articles advising people to unload certain securities. Conservative financial papers are inclined to think that the only connection Mr. Lawson had with the excitement was the fact that he took a "psychological moment" to issue his manifestoes, for the market would have slumped anyway. Meantime there are disinterested people whose opinion of the disturbance is expressed by the cartoon which represented the bull and the bear element on opposite sides of the "street," each warning the public against the schemes of the other, while they are both engaged in the operation of clipping the lambs as they pass through with sheep shears. Not all the financial interest is centered in the Lawson controversy, however, for several bankers have continued to worry over the actions of Mrs. Chadwick. There is little doubt now that she is a swindler, for shortly after her decision to go to Cleveland she was identified there as the woman who served a term in prison as Mrs. De Vere. She has discontinued her attempts to find bail and has shut herself up in her cell, while she writes the story of her experiences. Her success in raising money was shown by the confession of an eminent lawyer, who told how he went out to Cleveland to serve her and she borrowed $1,500 from him while he was in that city. He did not recover the money without a fight.

T. W. LAWSON.

The senate investigation concerning the loyalty of the Mormon, Reed Smoot, in order to ascertain whether he has taken any oaths in the church which ought to exclude him from membership in Congress, has been in progress the past week. The committee has been more successful than it was at first in securing evidence from those who have been initiated into the mysteries of the organization. Some of the ceremonies described are ridiculous enough to be a part of a college fraternity initiation and even the witnesses admitted that some members were inclined to consider them a joke. But if taken literally the alleged oaths are of the most terrible nature, for they require cruel death by mutilation as a penalty for betraying the order. It was brought out in the evidence that marriages and divorces for the dead were secured by the "saints" and that the person "sealed" pledged himself to chastity in relation to all except those chosen for him by the church. The important part was the attempt to reproduce the oath to avenge the death of the Mormons who were killed in the uprisings against the sect. The first witness declared that an indefinite pronoun was used before the word nation, but afterward amended the evidence by stating that the reference was to this nation. This is important as showing the unfitness of the Mormon to take allegience to the United States as a member of the senate. But the most interesting testimony is from witnesses who have left the church and there is always a suspicion directed toward the words of an apostate. Another feature of the hearing is the way it brings out the political alignment of the "saints," who have generally favored the party in power. No doubt this is done in a lively hope of favors rather than from any promises, and it will hardly reflect on either party.

The decision of the national house of representatives to impeach Judge Swayne of Florida, before the senate, will revive a tribunal seldom resorted to in this country. He is charged with malfeasance in office by abusing the power of punishment for contempt and by certifying to excessive expense accounts, although he held court in Florida only a short time each year. The federal senate has decided that an official cannot escape impeachment by resigning his office, although one state has taken a contrary view. While the only penalty for the person removed from office is the disgrace of discharge, he can afterward be prosecuted by the courts. The last impeachment trial by the senate was in the case of Secretary Belknap, but he escaped conviction by the lack of the necessary two-thirds vote. Official misconduct is rare among federal judges, for of the 1,000 or more who have held places on the bench, only four have ever been brought to trial in this way. The case against Judge Swayne must be a serious one, for the committee was unanimous in recommending his trial, although the members differed as to the accusations which ought to be considered the most serious. There will be no little popular interest in the proceedings against Judge Swayne. Another matter sure to attract attention in this congress will be the question of the admission of the new states. The senate committee has voted to admit Arizona and New Mexico together as Arizona, and Indian territory and Oklahoma as another state named Oklahoma. But the closeness of the vote indicates that there will be a fight about the union of the present territories. It has been proposed that Arizona and New Mexico be allowed to separate again when they reached a certain size. Other questions likely to arise concern the rights of suffrage in the new states and the regulation of the sale of liquor to Indians. Chairman Beveridge is sure to have his hands full in defending the report of the committee on territories.

JUDGE SWAYNE.

The fourth annual meeting of the Civic Federation in New York city, Thursday, was an event of importance, for it elected a president to succeed the late Marcus A. Hanna, who was one of the promoters of the organization. August Belmont, who was chosen for this office, is a large employer, for he is at the head of the transit company that operates the subways in New York city. It was in this capacity that he recently became interested in labor questions, for he succeeded in preventing a strike on the elevated railroad, which had been planned because the subway motormen were to receive less wages. Several conferences were held between the men and their employers and although the motormen won nearly all they were contending for Mr. Belmont expressed great satisfaction over the opportunity the meeting afforded him to talk face to face with men who complained of grievances. The remarkable feature of the meeting was the fact that it was almost equally divided between capital and labor; President Eliot, Archbishop Ireland and Mr. Vreeland sat at tables with labor leaders and exchanged ideas during the dinner. The federation was organized three years ago, and while unorganized labor is not represented in its membership it invites all workers to share in the benefit of its deliberations. One of the best speeches at the dinner was made by President Mitchell of the United Mine workers. He spoke highly of the value of conferences, for "better a week of talk, than a year of strike." While he would not have the workman surrender the right to strike, he hoped that strikes would be done away with and that blacklists with boycotts might go with them.

AUGUST BELMONT.

Postmaster General Wynne may not have a long lease of his portfolio, but he is making the "fur fly" while he holds the office. He found that employes of the department had been showing "pernicious activity" as officers of different organizations by trying to exact promises from candidates for congress that they would favor plans for increasing the pay of carriers. He has already decapitated four official heads, removing both the president of the rural carriers and the city carriers, while ordering the expulsion of two other officials of these organizations. He learned that they had been carrying on negotiations

with the Democratic campaign committee, which was agreeable to anything that would win the party votes. It took courage to run the risk of offending these powerful organizations, but he has the support of President Roosevelt in his action. It is probable that the work will not stop until removals are made of some who contributed to the expenses of the carriers while they were lobbying in Washington, for he has threatened that anyone found to have contributed will be liable to discharge. If the money was raised by assessment it will be difficult to inculpate one member of the organization without finding all the members guilty. But the example made in the four removals already effected ought to be salutary. These acts have brought Mr. Wynne to the front and people are likely to learn that he was the instigator of much of the investigation for which Mr. Bristow had the credit.

The national cotton convention at Shreveport, La., the past week devoted its attention to the means for combating the boll weevil, which has proved so destructive to growers. Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture aroused considerable enthusiasm by his message in which he said that he was about to ask for a large appropriation from the government for use in the infected districts. Attention was called in the convention to the importance of the cotton industry, which yields a revenue of $600,000,000 a year and the question of prices was also discussed. In view of the downward tendency of the prices for cotton one delegate suggested that it would be well to sacrifice a good part of the crop to the boll weevil insect in order to produce a scarcity and restore values. In spite of the report of the discovery of an insect which would eat up the weevil, nothing has yet developed to make the experiment practical and the rewards offered for effective remedies are still unpaid. It was generally agreed that in fighting the pest it was well to secure as early maturing varieties of cotton as possible, to burn over the fields and to rotate the acreage from year to year when convenient. A proposition was made that cotton growers refrain from planting fields in the infected districts, so as to prevent the spread of the insect, but Texas was interested in this prohibition and succeeded in defeating the resolution by a small majority. It is in Texas that the weevil has done the most damage, as it is estimated that the crops destroyed would be worth $80,000,000 a year. The indorsement of the statistician of the department of agriculture for the reliability of his cotton report must have been gratifying, for he has been the subject of much criticism, especially by speculators.

The Legislative Prospect.

The hopes of agitators that President Roosevelt would be raised to dizzy heights of self-sufficiency by his extraordinary personal triumph in the election have been extinguished by unmistakable evidence that sober calculation will control action and that party sentiment will be studiously consulted in all important matters. This state of affairs has been conspicuously exhibited upon the question of tariff adjustment. Upon that point it is freely admitted that the president's original inclination was in favor of an early extra session in accordance with the precedent of 1897. While frankly expressing his own ideas upon the subject he invited expressions of opinion from members of congress and party advisers everywhere. The result of the free and full discussion of the subject was to establish the fact that there was strong opposition to tariff revision as an unnecessary unsettlement of conditions which the Republican party in 1896 pledged the country would be permanently established. Finally the view prevailed which was expressed in The Gazette, namely, that the precedent of 1896 did not apply to a case which at the most called only for readjustment of rates in some schedules, not involving the general character of the tariff. Hence the idea of an early extra session is now abandoned, and agitation of the subject of tariff revision has since greatly subsided.

The indications are that when the time comes for action, no radical action will be required. It is admitted that some readjustment would be desirable if procurable without business disturbance, as changes in economic conditions since 1896 have in some cases brought rates upon finished products and the materials of which they are composed out of proper relation. In readjusting these the change is more likely to be in the direction of increase of rates than of decrease. There is no warrant for the idea that tariff readjustment means reduction of duties. Certainly nothing will be done in any case that will impair the strongly protective character of the tariff. The relief which the business interests of the country have experienced on ascertaining that tariff revision would not be forced upon the country is quite manifest. It is unfortunately the case that mere discussion of this matter has a depressing effect upon industry, as it introduces an element of uncertainty into the very foundations of enterprise. There is much to be said in favor of the English practice of giving immediate effect to new taxes when laid before parliament. Thus there is no intervening period of uncertainty, but the new conditions are established forthwith. This would, however, be impossible under any other system of government but the British, and would be impossible there, too, if changes were at all radical or extensive. The actual scope is narrow and possibilities of action are so circumscribed that the limits of any change that may be impending are readily anticipated.

The president's earnest advocacy of such change in the laws as will allow the fixing of reasonable railroad rates proposes a subject of too great magnitude to be dealt with in a short session, and no action by the present congress is expected. It will, however, doubtless be a leading subject of discussion in the next session of congress and there are possibilities of a sharp collision of interests over it. President Roosevelt is evidently very much in earnest about the matter, and may be expected to advocate it with characteristic tenacity of purpose. Senator Knox's vote on one of the Philippine bill amendments shows that the president may count upon his able support of the principle of authority involved. Neither the tariff nor the currency question equals in constitutional importance this issue, which really involves the whole character of our institutions. Harper's Weekly goes to the root of the matter when it says:

> The fundamental objection remains, namely, that the most vital function of railway corporations, to-wit, the fixing of the rates for interstate transportation, would practically be transferred to federal officials, who might or might not possess the general qualifications required for the transaction of such business, and who certainly could not be expected to have at heart the interests of the corporations concerned. The basic question raised by the president's virtual approval of this bill is whether, under any pretext, however specious, American citizens are to lose the right of conducting their own business.

The answer to this is that the corporations are creatures of the state, exercising the state's right of eminent domain, and performing functions of vital importance of the state. The behavior of these corporations is not a mere matter of private business, but it is the public business, and if they are not subject to effective public control, they and not the nation are really sovereign. The power which President Roosevelt contends should be asserted is in fact an ordinary attribute of sovereignty and is in ordinary exercise in other countries.

The strong argument in behalf of the railroads is not on the question of right, but on the question of policy. Whatever may have been the abuses of railroad management in this country, it is an indisputable fact that railway rates in this country are the lowest in the world. A recent report of the Interstate Commerce commission shows that the ton per mile freight rates in this country are 8-10 of one per cent, against 2.8 in Great Britain, 1.64 in Germany, 2.2 in France, and 2.4 in Russia. In quality of service also American railroads are superior and the old, slow methods of the government-managed roads of Germany would be found intolerable in this country. But the powers wielded by the railroad companies are such as in their nature should be subject to effective public supervision, and ultimately the companies themselves may conclude that the close control of public authority means protection for them also. The subject is being treated in a way that gives promise of a judicious settlement.

The Lull in the War.

The success of the Japanese in obtaining a position overlooking the harbor of Port Arthur has enabled them to inflict such damage upon the remains of the first Asiatic squadron of Russia that it is no longer a factor in the contest, and Admiral Togo is at last free to refit his severely tried vessels for a meeting with the second Asiatic squadron, now leisurely approaching the scene of action. Apart from the operations about Port Arthur, which appear to have eased up since the Japanese obtained their object of destroying the Russian vessels, no great movements are now going on. The armies confronting each other below Mukden appear to have gone into winter quarters, and it is not probable that any operations upon an extensive scale are contemplated upon either side. Only minor affairs may be expected in that region, and of these the most important are attacks upon Russian railway communications between Mukden and Harbin. It is reported that bands of Chunchuses led by Japanese officers are operating upon both flanks of the railway, and there have been rumors of the destruction of the line at several points, but there have been no authentic reports in confirmation, although the Russian censorship would easily account for this. Whatever damage has been done it has not amounted to more than an interruption and the movement of reinforcements and supplies to Gen. Kuropatkin appears to be going on more rapidly than was at first thought possible. It is certainly the case that expectations that the Japanese would be able to paralyze the Russian communications by persistent raids have not been realized.

The most mysterious feature of the present situation is the cloud of uncertainty which rests upon Russian policy. Although all peace suggestions are repelled with great show of indignation, there is nothing to show how Russia expects to be able to retrieve her lost position. The only new factor which she is now planning to introduce is the second Asiatic squadron. The movements of that squadron are, however, conducted in such a way as to cause uncertainty whether they are seriously meant. The first division started on October 16. The last division did not get away until a month later. The squadron has been divided, the division containing five of the seven battleships going around by way of the Cape of Good Hope, while the other division went by way of the Suez canal. It is understood that the divisions are to rendezvous at Chagos island, in the Indian ocean. Thence the distance to Port Arthur by sea route is 5,495 miles, and to Vladivostok 6,590 miles. At the rates the divisions have been moving it will be a month more before it effects its concentration, and it will be well on toward spring before it will get in striking distance of Japan. This slow rate of progress is doubtless intentional, as it affords time to improve the crews in drill and discipline and they are admitted to stand much in need of both. Moreover, it may be considered an advantage to time the arrival of the squadron, so that land operations may be resumed at the same time. It is, however, obvious that the delay gives the Japanese ample time to make their preparations, and there is no reason for thinking that they will be lacking thoroughness or efficiency. Although the Russian fleet is stronger on paper than the Japanese, naval experts think that when they meet the superior skill of the Japanese gunners will prevail.

Even Russian critics admit that the general prospect is not encouraging. M. Danchenko writing in the Russkoe Slovo, frankly admits that there is no reason to think that Japan is growing weaker or that her general staff is at all unable to confront any possible concentration of military strength which Russia may make with a still stronger concentration. He says that the Japanese reinforcements which have recently arrived are as well trained, disciplined, and brave as the veteran troops, and that Russia, with the forces she possesses, is reduced to the defensive. He declares that it is puerile to think that the impetus of Japan is arrested because she is an Asiatic power. "We have before us, he declares, a military power of the first rank, persevering, active, and energetic, a power which has prepared for this war for seven years and has studied in every detail the theater of war and the forces of its enemy. What is only a colonial war for Russia is, he asserts, a national war for Japan; everything is weighed, and even battles are treated like mathematical problems.

Gen. Romanhoff, who was in command of the sixth division of the Russian army at Liao-Yang, but has since had to retire from physical disability, has recently given his view of the prospect. He professes confidence in the final result, but in his judgment victory depends upon the collection of an overwhelming force of artillery with an inexhaustible supply of ammunition, but he remarks that the Japanese can resupply themselves in a week, while a similar effort costs the Russians six weeks. It is to be noted that in professional comment there is no longer any claim of superiority for the Russian soldiers over the Japanese. On the contrary, it is now admitted to be a great advantage possessed by the Japanese that the officers can count upon the intelligence of the men and send them to the attack under the lead of the noncommissioned officers, while the ranking officers view the field and direct the movements from the rear. The Russian officers, on the contrary, have to put themselves at the head of their troops.

Meanwhile the internal disorders of Russia are increasing and the authorities are having continual difficulty in mobilizing troops to send to the war. The war is unpopular with all classes, who regard it as a huge blunder which ought to be rectified as soon as possible.

The opinion prevails that Russia should have made Japan her ally instead of her foe, and influential statesmen contend that this should still be the policy. It is known that originally Japan sought an alliance with Russia, and it is believed that she is not at all well pleased with the English alliance, which, if it had been properly effective, would have cut off the Russian squadron from the supplies of coal upon which it is now making its way to the east. The hope is entertained by Russian statesmen of the first rank that matters may still be adjusted between Russia and Japan, and that hereafter they will work together instead of weakening each other's resources by persistent antagonism. If this class of advisers, of whom M. de Witte is regarded as the chief, should obtain the ascendency, there would be a radical change in the situation and peace might arrive almost suddenly.

The Syllogistic Slot Machine.

Since the learned Dr. Boole decided that Logic is purely a mathematical science, and since we have long had machines to perform our calculations, there is nothing so very surprising in the announcement from the Pacific coast, that Prof. Charles P. Rieber, of the University of California, has invented a Logic Machine. In fact, such a machine was forecast and described by Jevons more than a third of a century ago. One of his devices he called the "Logical Abacus;" the other was a true Logical Machine with keys like those of a piano, and letters like algebraic symbols, moved by wooden rods connected with the keys. "If the letters be taken to stand for the terms of a syllogism or any other logical argument, and the keys of the instrument be pressed exactly in the order corresponding to the words of the premises, the combinations will be so selected and arranged that at the end only the possible combinations will remain in view. Any question can then be asked of the machine, and an infallible answer will be obtained from the combinations remaining." Unfortunately, there was no Prudence stop or pedal to Prof. Jevons' machine, and he was drowned before he secured a caveat, else we might all by now be spared the trouble of thinking, and the California professor would have to forego the glory and profits of his invention, which even so can hardly be called a novelty.

What it lacks in novelty, however, it will make up in utility. Luther assured us that "human reason is like a drunken man on horseback;" here comes Prof. Rieber with a saddle that will keep us from falling off. All the trouble in the world has resulted from differences of opinion which can now be easily reconciled. Put your promises into the hopper of the Logical Machine, turn the crank, and grind out an infallible conclusion. Joe Chamberlain over in England can easily convince his free trade opponents; the sound money advocates on this side can readily controvert the arguments of Mr. Bryan's Commoner (presuming, of course, that arguments might find their way into the Commoner). The divorce problem, Presbyterian creed revision, the canteen question and the Chadwick case might all be decided by referring them to the impartial and infallible arbitrament of the Logical Machine, which is proof against the quaternio terminorum, the ambiguous middle, the non sequitur, and the 57 other varieties of fallacy to which human reason is liable.

The uses of the machine are truly beyond enumeration and its benefits incalculable. One might be attached to the desk of every senator and would save a vast amount of precious time and the cost of printing a vast amount of fudge. Bankers might have one at their elbows and prove to impecunious and importunate customers why they cannot discount their notes, even though endorsed by Andrew Carnegie. Preachers might take one into the pulpit and convince case-hardened agnostics without waiting for death-bed conversion. Of course, there have been machines for convincing heretics of their error, but those were somewhat primitive in construction and have become rather rusty.

The Logical Machine might even fill a place in the domestic economy that would make it as indispensable as the Singer. A man who cannot convince his wife that he has urgent business at the office five or six nights a week could reinforce his contention with the incontrovertible dictum of the Machine. The woman who cannot persuade her husband that she needs a new bonnet or fur could supplement her woman's reason with an unanswerable demonstration by the Machine. It might even be possible to convince the cook that beef-steak is not intended for wear and that doughnuts need not be quite as durable as quoits.

But all these advantages would be of minor value as compared with the public good that might accrue. Civic reform associations could prove to boodling aldermen or councilmen that some day they'll be found out, and that the way of the grafter is hard. Public-spirited citizens might satisfy the traction companies that the people have some rights which corporate greed ought to respect. It might even be possible to prove to Mr. Larkin that there is some difference between expenditure and extravagance. In labor disputes one Logical Machine could be depended upon to settle more difficulties than three walking delegates. And if two Machines and six policemen were placed at every polling booth on election day, it is not unlikely that a branch of the International Peace Society would soon be flourishing in the Fifth ward, and that Kentucky would be pacified as easily as Panama and the Phillipines.

John Stuart Mill assured us that it is too much to say, "I saw my brother." All that we positively know is that we saw some one who closely resembled the said brother as far as could be observed. It is only by judgment that we can assert that he was the said brother, and this judgment may possibly be wrong. Being thus assured by so eminent an authority as Mill, how very necessary such an invention as Prof. Rieber's, let us hope that he will speedily perfect it and place it upon the market. There's a bonanza in it and myriads will call him blessed if he accomplishes no more than to abolish wars, do away with the jury system, help the weather man make up his mind, and settle the age of Ann.

Financial Review

By JOHN O. BAGLIN.

IN the Igorrote village at the world's fair the primitive man had a novel game of chance. A group of natives supplied themselves with bits of sugar. Squatting themselves in a circle they tossed their coin into the center of the group, placed their lumps of sugar before them and waited. The man whose sugar first attracted a fly won the coin. The game furnished amusement for onlookers, but it is not recorded that it had any adverse effect upon the gate receipts at the fair. There was no excitement outside the bamboo hut in which the game was played and none inside, for the Philippine native has not yet evolved from the simple into the strenuous life. It is different in the stock exchange, but if the public could be educated to take a less serious view of the operations on 'Change, and if it would take the time to analyze some of those operations, it might be able to extract some humor from a market like that of last week. At least it would not become apprehensive. It would not begin to wonder what the effects may be upon general business every time the street gets into a turmoil, and it would soon be convinced that the Amalgamated Copper game has no more connection with the processes that establish legitimate investment values than the sugar game of the Igorrotes had upon the world's fair gate receipts.

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In this connection is may be instructive to glance at the market's record last Monday, when the New York stock exchange was positively hysterical. The sales for the day exceeded 2,000,000 shares, there was a heavy stream of liquidation, and prices declined from 3 to 16 points, the latter Amalgamated Copper. In the reports of the day's proceedings stress was naturally laid upon the excitement which prevailed, the large dealings and the heavy shrinkage in values. The first impression of the spectator or of the reader would be that a serious panic had occurred and that there were grounds for apprehension. When the record is examined, however, it is seen that there were no grounds for alarm, and that the dealings did not reflect legitimate business conditions. On the contrary, they reflected the anxiety of large professional bulls who had been playing the "long" side of the game for months past to realize paper profits before they disappeared. Of the 2,000,000 shares handled that day more than a million was made up of transactions in five stocks. The sales of United States Stel common exceed 370,000 shares at a net decline of 3⅞ per cent. For the corresponding day last year the sales of the same stock were only 4,400 shares at a net advance of ⅝ per cent. The relative activity and movement in the preferred stock was similar. A year ago there was more reason in actual business conditions for liquidation and decline than there was last week, for then the common stock was less than a month away from the entire passage of the dividend, and the business of the corporation was shrinking at an alarming rate. This past week, on the other hand, the business of the corporation was steadily improving, and the decline in the stock occurred four days before the announcement that the Pennsylvania railroad had placed an order for its steel rail requirements for 1905, and that contracts were pending with other roads. Another anomaly connected with last Monday's dealings was the extreme activity in United States Leather common, which never paid a dividend and ahead of which are 42 per cent accumulated dividends on the preferred stock which must be liquidated before the common can participate in the earnings. Last Monday 120,000 shares Leather common changed hands, as against just 200 shares on the corresponding day last year. For all the public knows to the contrary, Leather common is so intrinsically valueless as to justify an entire suspension of dealings in the stock, and yet it contributed nearly one-sixteenth of the total dealings in an abnormally active market. Of course the handling of these 120,000 shares Leather common also contributed to the excitement and confusion of the day, and helped to blind the general public to the true character of the market. Amalgamated Copper and Union Pacific were the other two members of this group of five stocks which made up one-half the total dealings for that day. These five stocks have been the favorites of the great speculative pools whose operations have dominated the market during the past two months.

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A popular error on the part of the general public is the crediting of Wall street with prescience on all questions relating to finance and trade. It is true that Wall street probably devotes more attention to studying the future than the rest of the country, and it has more and better methods for ascertaining facts. This knowledge is always expressed, consciously or otherwise, in the general trend of the market, but it is this general trend that the public usually ignores, being attracted by the spasmodic and spectacular events like those of the past week. The reason why Mr. Lawson's attacks upon Amalgamated Copper were so effective was because the speculative and not the general business situation was weak. It is not a difficult matter to learn almost the exact position of the public and the pools on the market. There are more than a thousand members of the New York stock exchange, but less than a score of regular commission houses handle the great bulk of the business. The members of these commission houses do not personally execute orders entrusted to them, but employ other members of the exchange, usually called specialists because they make a specialty of handling orders in one group of stocks. Last week the speculative business pouring into Wall street was so great that there were not enough brokers to handle it. In a market such as has been witnessed for months past, where profits have been steadily accumulating and where additional purchases have been made on the accumulated profits of previous purchases, traders protect their deals by placing what are caled stop-loss orders. To illustrate: If a trader has bought Amalgamated Copper at 60 and it is quoted at 80, he may order his broker to sell if the price should recede to 75, but to "stand pat" if the market continues to advance over 80. All these instructions and all orders to buy and sell are entrusted to the specialists who remain all day on the floor of the stock exchange and who haunt the particular trading post which he is temporarily employed to watch. A comparing of notes among these various specialists pretty fairly reveals the speculative position of the general trading public, and it is upon knowledge thus obtained that many spasmodic movements occur in the market. They have no connection whatever with events outside the walls of the stock exchange. When the speculation gets into the big swing that it acquired by the movement of the past few months, the professional traders become bolder and bolder and think nothing of handling from 5,000 to 50,000 shares of the active specialties. The market becomes over-bought and is honey-combed with stop-loss orders. This was its vulnerable position during the past two weeks when the attacks upon Amalgamated Copper were made.

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The subsidence of speculative activity on Thursday and the strong recovery on Friday indicated that pool liquidation had been thorough. Evidence was not lacking, however, that the large banking interests were not yet in a position to let the market take its course. While some of the reckless pool traders have liquidated, it looks very much as though the banking interests still have a large proportion of the stocks accumulated during the fall. Hence they gave the appearance of extreme ease to the money market, although gold was going out freely, and our foreign trade balance was less favorable than in previous years. Possibly the declaration of the increased dividend on Louisville & Nashville was hastened for its sentimental effect upon the market, and it is likewise possible that the announcement in relation to the placing of steel rail orders was judiciously timed. No particular fury was expressed late in the week over the circulation of a rumor of a proposed new combination of transcontinental railroads in case the Northern Securities decision goes against the Harriman interests. The anonymous assurances from Washington that the president would not force his suggestion for greater power for the interstate commerce commission in connection with railroad rates were favorably commented upon. In fact all the machinery in Wall street was set in motion to restore confidence in stock market values. Fortunately no artificial stimulant was required to strengthen confidence in the outlook for business. There is still a positively buoyant feeling in iron trade circles, and there is an entire absence of any anxiety about the outlook for the money market. If there should be a resumption of attacks upon special stocks in Wall street, as threatened from the Boston speculator, they will only be effective because of a weak speculative position of stocks attacked, and not from any weakness in the business situation. The latter is inherently sound.

Christmas Without a Home.

In the ordinary development of the Christmas spirit that is already at work in the popular heart, benevolence for the poor and needy, the homeless ones of the streets and the slums, constitutes an important element. We hear a great deal just now of the lonely orphans and of that sad world of derelicts who by reason of poverty, crime or misfortune have been stranded on the reefs of life without home or kindred. The Christmas season does present an admirable opportunity for the broadest and noblest expressions of human charity and material helpfulness. But it may be safely assumed that for a very large group of homeless and cheerless people little sympathy is expended simply because they are not in poverty and do not wear tattered garments and shiver in areaways. Business exigencies, professional duties and responsibilities and the hard fate that scatters to far different points of the country the several members of once closely united families, create every year a great army of materially prosperous people to whom Christmas is only an accentuation of the loneliness of their lives. The traveling man who cannot go home, the busy actors and actresses who must work without intermission, and the men and women whom death or unfortuitous circumstances have robbed of the joy and comfort of home ties, come upon the festive season with only tender memories or perhaps loving messages as a reminder of the world's joy. We speak of the sorrow and loneliness of the poor. Doubtless this condition is just cause for sympathy, but to so many of this class Christmas was never in their lives more than a distant vision, and for many more dull care or witless ignorance has always clouded the mind to any sentiment so tender as that which symbolizes the Christmas feast. But for that other large army of homeless ones the presence in the heart of rich memories of Christmas "at home" or in childhood serves to add a fresh pang to the joylessness of the hotel room, however elegantly furnished, or the boarding-house menu, however well it may be served.

Christmas and home are words indissoluble in their significance and yet on that day there are thousands of well-dressed, well-fed, comfortably housed men and women to whom the one word means nothing because of the absence of the joys of the other. For these there should be genuine sympathy. What is the "satin satiety" of the richest apartments or the abundant wealth of a full purse at Christmas time, if there be no loved eyes to brighten with joy at our salutation, no words of honest affection to bespeak a personal tie. The very shouts of childish joy that reach the ears and the cheerful blaze of firelight on the frosty window panes are but knives of awakening memory to stab the homeless wanderer.

It is for these people that a broad and catholic humanity bespeaks a word of cheer during the coming Christmas tide. The barefoot boy or the shivering man at your back gate will perhaps stir you into some generous deed of giving. Perhaps at the fine hotel across the way or in some comfortable boarding-house apartment a lonely heart is suffering an anguish that no physical poverty could ever produce. Dressed in all the comfortable style of seasonable clothing and to the outward appearance wanting nothing in this life, there may be a pitiful sob choking the throat as the memory of other Christmas days comes back, when there was the glad sound of loving voices, the touch of vanished hands that will never more in this life be reached forth to soothe or to guide. It is for these "homeless" Christmas sufferers that this word of sympathy is written. Their names will not be given to the charity workers, nor included in the lists of invitations to the big Christmas dinners, but for all that they are the ones for whom sympathy and a word of cheer is really appropriate.

A Delaware farmer who wrote to Mayor Harrison of Chicago about wanting a wife has received 100 applications to fill the vacancy in his heart and home. They are seemingly determined to lose no chance while leap year lasts.

The Japanese and Russians fought a battle in the dark near Mukden. According to what we hear from the war correspondents, most of the battles have been fought in the same way.

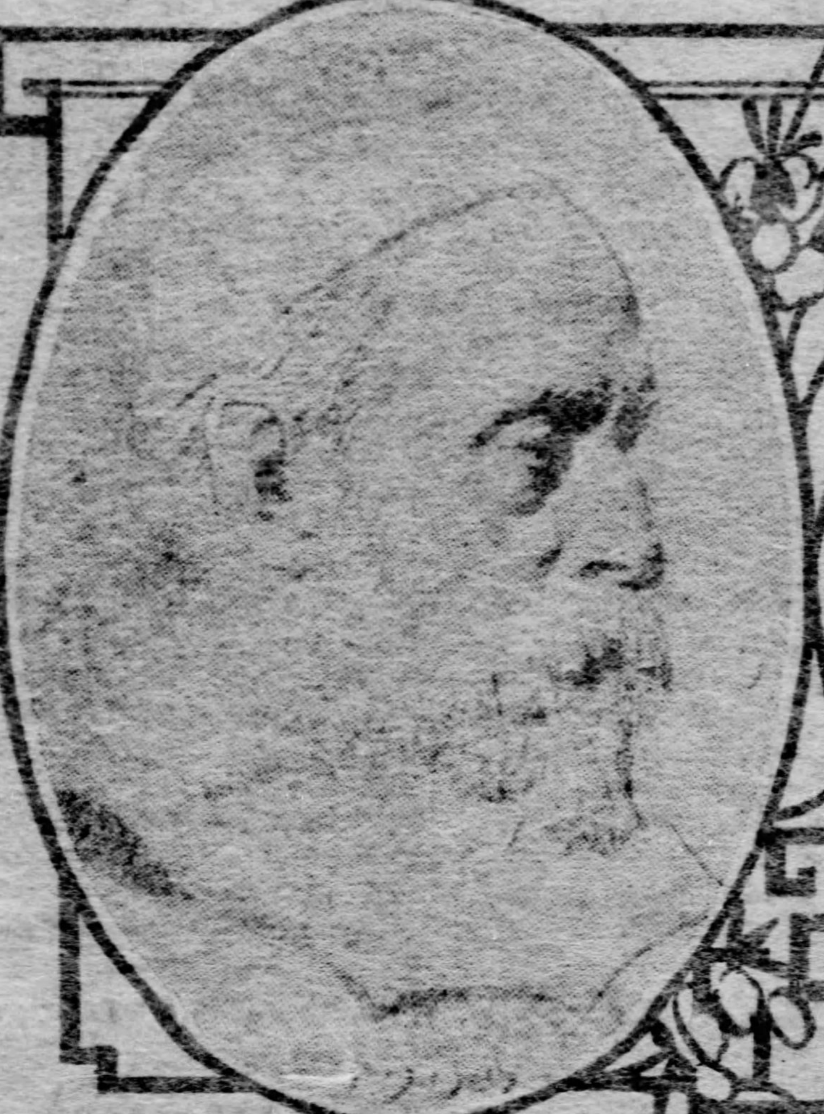
Robert H. Patton, chosen as chairman of the Prohibition party's national committee, has declined. We believe that is the general practice of the party's followers.

It looks as if Apostle Smoot couldn't slip into the senate even with an h added to his name.

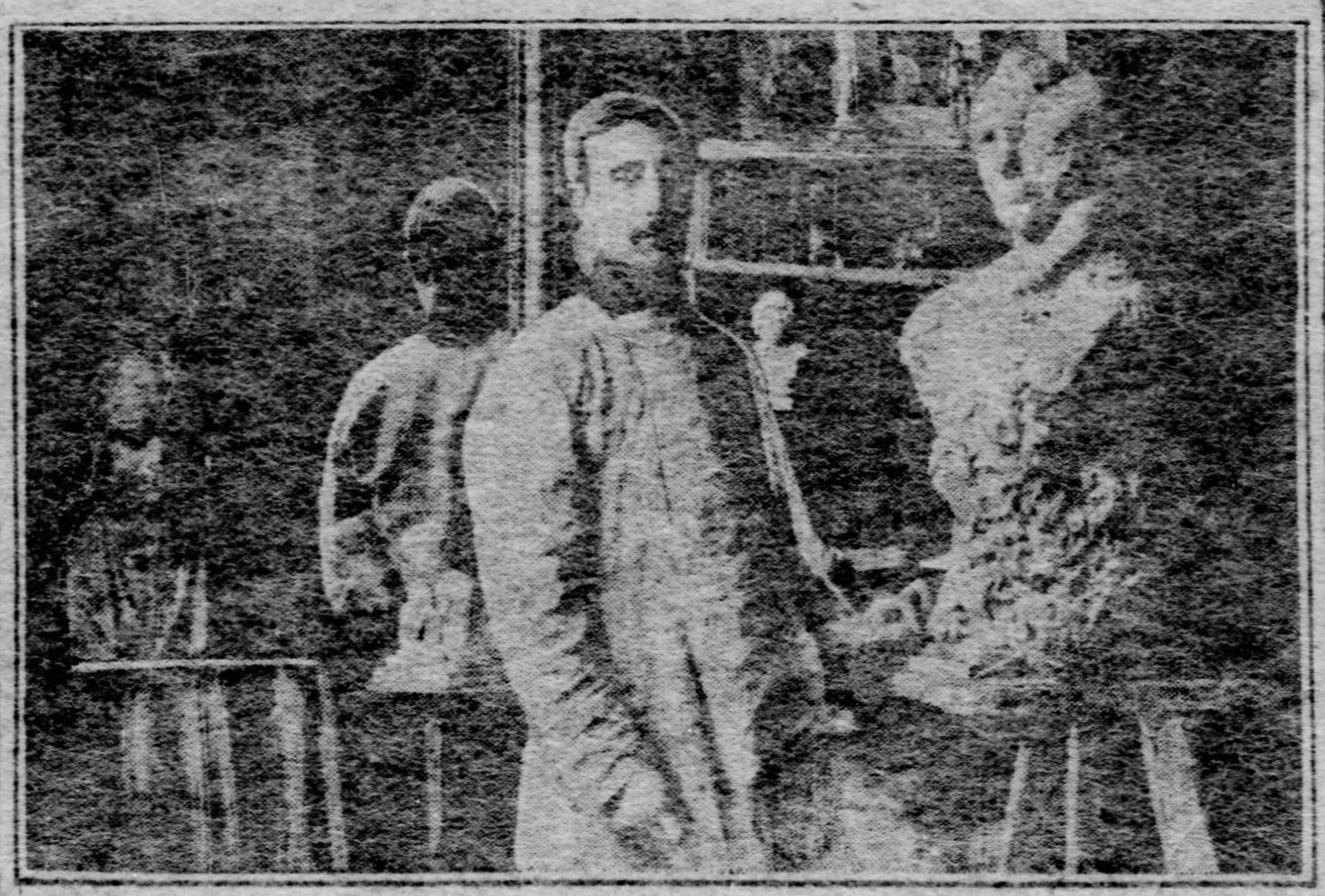
Some one has discovered that the moon is cracked. Hence the word lunatic.

Honors for American Artists

By ALGERNON C. DOUGHERTY.



SIMSON'S BAS-RELIEF OF THE PAINTER WATTS.



SPICER SIMSON IN HIS PARIS STUDIO. BUST OF VANCE THOMPSON AT LEFT.

SIMSON'S BUST OF THE MAHARAJAH OF BOBBILI

SIMSON'S BUST OF MONCURE D. CONWAY.

LEO MIELZINER - FROM A DRAWING BY HIMSELF.

SIMSON'S BUST OF DR. HENRI MONOD.

AS A mark of their deep appreciation of the countless official and private courtesies shown them in the United States, many French artists who have recently returned from the St. Louis exposition are organizing a movement to influence the French government to bestow some particular and distinctive honor upon several of the American artists who are established in Paris. It is felt that some such act would be a graceful acknowledgment of France's part in the great historic incident whose centenary is commemorated by the world's fair in St. Louis. The organizers of the movement, artists themselves, feel that there would be especial appropriateness in any act of the French government's that was designed to compliment the painters and sculptors of the United States, inasmuch as France stands to nearly all American artists as a sort of alma mater. They went to pursue their studies in the great schools of art at Paris, and thus, whether they return to America or remain there, France becomes to them almost as close as their native land.

Though the project has been kept a strict secret by its promoters, I got a hint of it a few days ago, and by careful inquiries have ascertained that the names of two American artists have already been submitted to the government as eminently qualified to receive whatever mark of official recognition may be determined upon. They may be decorated with the Order of the Legion of Honor, or else the government may purchase an important work of each for the Luxembourg gallery, after their deaths to be handed down to posterity by a place in the great National Museum of the Louvre. It is not yet decided whether a few other names shall be added to the list, but in any event the two gentlemen already chosen will, I understand, be the principal candidates for the honor. These fortunate men are Leo Mielziner, a painter, and Theodore Spicer Simson, a sculptor, both young artists of pre-eminent talent, who are always brilliantly represented at the annual Salon and other great exhibitions of Paris, and both of whom have numerous works in the principal art galleries of America.

A Portraitist from Cincinnati.

Mr. Mielziner, who is a Cincinnatian by birth, is the first vice president of the American Art Association of Paris, whose palatial club house in the Rue Notre Dame des Champs, filled with charming works of art, is one of the chief centers of the American colony in the French capital. After beginning his art studies in his native city, Mr. Mielziner came to Paris, where he had for his masters Gerome, Collin and Courtois. He also passed a winter in Copenhagen in the studio of the celebrated Kroyer, and later spent a year in Italy, studying the old masters. Mr. Mielziner's particular forte is as a portraitist, in which he is justly regarded as one of the best among all the younger artists of the day. Two of his most notable portraits belong to the Hebrew Union college of Cincinnati, one being of the venerable Rabbi Wise, founder of the college, and the other a life-sized portrait of the late Dr. Mielziner, the artist's father, who was the acting president of the college. In recent years, Mr. Mielziner has gone in extensively for miniature painting, in which he has manifested an extraordinary blending of technical force and delicacy of touch that has won for him the highest praise of all the critics. Certain of them have declared that Mielzmer is incomparably the greatest miniaturist of the world. He is now on a professional tour in the United States, where he has orders for portraits on ivory of many fashionable women in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore and Washington. He may also continue his journey as far as Pittsburgh.

In their compliment to the sculptors of the United States, the French artists have selected a worthy exemplar of the chiseler's art in naming Theodore Spicer Simson. Though he is quite a young man, his rare talent is recognized on all sides in France, and it may safely be asserted that a brilliant career awaits him. After his studies at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, under Thomas, the young artist returned to the United States, where he was engaged as designer by the Gorham Silver Company of New York. Later he opened a studio in Washington, D. C., where he soon achieved considerable fame by busts he made of a number of men conspicuous in public life. During the war with Spain he left the United States and returned to Paris, where he established his headquarters definitely, excepting the coronation season which he spent in London doing portrait work.

An American Rodin.

It was during his short sojourn in the English capital that he made, among other portraits, a marble bust of a great Indian potentate, the Maharajah of Bobbili, one of King Edward's royal guests. Not only the striking likeness that Mr. Simson imparted to the image of this prince, but the wonderful fidelity with which the marble effigy reproduced the exquisitely jeweled raiment of the Hindoo sovereign, attracted general attention to the young artist, who was overwhelmed with orders from the highest in the land. Whenever any of Simson's work was exhibited at the Paris Salon, it earned the highest praise not only of the critics, but of the artists themselves. Thus, the illustrious Rodin was so impressed by a bit of statuary by the American, that the famous sculptor had a bronze copy of the work made at his own expense.

One of the most notable of Simson's recent works has been a marble bust of Moncure Daniel Conway, the eminent litterateur and reformer, whose autobiography has just appeared. This bust was on exhibition at the world's fair in St. Louis, and so marvelously lifelike is it, that Dr. Conway's friends who saw it say one might almost be deluded into thinking the statue was really the living man.

Another bust that has just been finished by the sculptor is that of Henri Monod, director of the National Health and Help Board of France, who is a great philanthropist and educator, and one of the best-known citizens of Paris. The prominence of M. Monod has further heightened the fame of the American artist.

Besides his more massive statuary work, Simson has developed a somewhat new line of art, or rather has revived a form that prevailed largely in ancient times and in the middle ages, but has almost disappeared from the range of the artists of today. This consists of what he calls medallion-portraits, that are executed either in marble or bronze, and portray profile likeness in bas-relief. These medallions are exquisite masterpieces of the sculptor's art that have created genuine sensations wherever exhibited. One of the best known of these is a portrait of the English Royal Academician, the late George Frederick Watts, which was finished only a short time before the celebrated painter's death. A German museum that possesses one of the finest collections of coins and medals in Europe bought a plaster proof of the Watts bas-relief. Otto Hentig, prime minister of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, who has just resigned his high post to become a privy councillor of the Emperor William, was another of the renowned personages whose medallion portraits have been made by Mr. Simson. These medallions have latterly become the fashionable craze of the hour in Paris, and the "Eternal Feminine" has developed a veritable mania for perpetuating her countenance by this attractive form of portrait.

Manhattan Spelled Forty-Six Ways.

An item of interest is found in a new historical work on New York city entitled "Manhattan in 1628." Forty-six spellings of the name of the island now known as Manhattan are compiled from early records:

Manachatas	Manathans	Manhattan
Manades	Manathe	Manhattans
Manadoes	Manathes	Manhatten
Manados	Manatte	Manhattes
Manahactas	Manetto	Manhattoes
Manahata	Manhat	Manhattons
Manahatans	Manhatan	Manhattos
Manahatas	Manhatans	Manhuttons
Manahatin	Manhatas	Mannahata
Manahatta	Manhate	Mannatans
Manahattas	Manhatens	Menade
Manatans	Manhates	Menates
Manate	Manhathans	Monhatons
Manatens	Manhatoes	Munhaddons
Manates	Manhatoos	
Manath	Manhatos	

It is evident that the early settlers of New York had no more system in their orthography than some of our modern spelling reformers.

A Confederate Invasion of Pennsylvania

By COL. A. K. M'CLURE.

I THINK it entirely safe to say that had the northern and southern men known the qualities of each other as well before the war as they did when the war closed there would have been no fraternal conflict.

Both sides confidently counted on an easy victory if it came to a clash of arms, and the strangest of all the errors of that time was the generally accepted idea, both north and south, that the other side would not accept the sacrifice and desolation of war.

That such erroneous ideas should be entertained seems unaccountable when we consider the history of both sections from the heroic sacrifice of the revolution to the achievements of the war of 1812 and the triumphs of the Mexican war, in which the northern and southern soldiers were side by side in every battle, and both exhibited the highest qualities of heroism.

They were of the same blood, grown up under the same free institutions, stood shoulder to shoulder in every trial that came to the country, and that both sections should have so gravely underrated each other after the records that both had written seems now utterly incomprehensible, but it was none the less the truth.

After the surrender of Sumter, in a Republican legislative caucus held in the hall of the house at Harrisburg with closed doors, I was hissed by many of my fellow Republican legislators because I said that if civil war came it would be one of the most desperate and bloody struggles of history.

Speeches were made in that caucus by members of the legislature declaring that the southern people had degenerated into bombastic insolence and that if they attempted war the women of the north could sweep them from the Potomac with their brooms.

In like manner Howell Cobb, who had been speaker of congress and a man of unusual culture and ripe experience in intercourse with the people of the whole country, declared in a public speech in the south that if the north resisted secession the southern planters would be enabled to call the roll of their slaves on Bunker Hill.

Each section believed that the other would in the end decline the arbitrament of the sword, as the agitators north and south constantly declared that such must be the end of the controversy. How sadly both sides were mistaken was proved by the hundreds of thousands who fell in the most desperate battles of the world's history, and, however the generalship of the northern and southern armies has been criticised, there has never yet appeared a line in either section imputing the want of sublime heroism to the other.

We were entirely unprepared for the war, and in that regard the people of both sections were alike. The south was fortunate in having Secretary of War Floyd, who transferred to the southern arsenals a vast amount of arms and munitions of war to be captured as the states seceded, but beyond that neither side had any preparation for war or previous experience.

There was little or no military training from the lakes of the north to the southern gulf, and the Mexican war was remembered only as an insignificant military episode that did not require so much as a regiment in each of the states then in the union, while Pennsylvania furnished during our civil war in organized and equipped regiments, including emergency men called out for temporary service when the state was invaded, 387,284 men. Had we been involved in a foreign war it would have been accepted by the people generally with a little disturbance, but a war with our own people made the bravest men shudder, for all knew that the most desperate and bloody of all wars are those arising from internecine strife.

Unprepared for the Great Sacrifice.

The sacrifice of life in battle, such as occurred many times in the later years of the war, would have chilled the hearts of the people to despair in the early days of the struggle.

I remember meeting Gen. Burnside at Washington late in the fall of 1861, when the whole country was impatient at McClellan's delay in marching upon Manassas and Richmond. I shared the feeling that was universal in the north, believing that McClellan had an army quite capable of defeating the confederates at Manassas and capturing Richmond, which all then believed would end the war, and I expressed impatience to Burnside at the hesitation of McClellan to advance. He was a frank, manly soldier, and when he informed me that he could march upon Manassas and defeat the enemy and capture Richmond, but that it would cost the sacrifice of not less than 10,000 men to accomplish it, I was silenced.

The sacrifice of such a number of men seemed so utterly appalling that it could not be entertained, and yet more than ten times 10,000 men fell in the struggles between the Rapidan and Richmond before the confederate capital was captured.

There are many yet living who recall how the north was convulsed from center to circumference when the announcement was made that a single union soldier had been killed at Alexandria. Col. Ellsworth had rushed with his command to the cupola of a hotel in Alexandria to haul down the stars and bars and hoist the stars and stripes, and was shot dead by the proprietor of the house, who in turn was riddled with bullets by Ellsworth's enraged soldiers. His body was brought to Washington and lay in state in the White House.

For the first time the country realized what war meant, and the sacrifice of the life of one man, well known to the country, had brought sorrow mingled with measured despair to every household.

I recall also when two officers under Patterson, when he first advanced from the Cumberland valley to the Potomac in the spring of 1861, were captured on a scouting expedition. It was discussed with bated breath throughout the north. Naturally the inquiry was what would be their fate.

Each Eyed the Other Askance.

The south was very generally regarded by the north as inflamed to fiendish fury, and the same feeling was cherished by the south as to the north. There was no recognition of belligerent rights, and therefore no assurance that prisoners would be treated according to the rules of civilized warfare.

In my own community of Chambersburg, one of the most intelligent and law-abiding of any section of the state, it was with the utmost difficulty that Col. Thomas B. Kennedy and myself saved a captured confederate squad after Antietam from violent assault on the street. They were unarmed and we had to hurry them to prison for safety.

We complained violently of what was called the appalling brutality of the southern people, but they were after all our own people and quite like ourselves. They had the war in their own country and around their own homes, while we rarely felt the presence of an enemy.

The most interesting and instructive lesson that I had on the subject of the necessity of the northern and southern people understanding each other came from a night that I spent with the confederates in my own home in October, 1862. The battle of Antietam had been fought about a month before, and McClellan's line extended from Hagerstown to the southern side of the Potomac. As Lee's army had retreated to Virginia, and as McClellan's larger army was on the border, there was a general feeling of security among the border people, succeeding the apprehensions which had convulsed them for some weeks while Lee was on his Maryland campaign.

GEN. J.E.B. STUART. GEN. WADE HAMPTON.

I was engaged at the time in preparing the state for a draft, and occasionally returned to my home in Chambersburg to give an evening or a day to my family and business duties. There was no special strain on us at Harrisburg, and I went home to enjoy a day or two of rest.

When I stepped out of the car on to the platform of Chambersburg, the telegraph operator beckoned me to come into his private office, and he exhibited several dispatches he had received from Mercersburg, stating that a confederate force of 2,000 or 3,000 had entered Mercersburg and was moving toward Chambersburg.

I naturally assumed that it was a raid across the upper Potomac for the purpose of capturing horses, supplies, etc., and at first felt little apprehension that any small force of the enemy would place itself directly in the rear and within easy reach of a large portion of McClellan's army by entering Chambersburg. I took the precaution, however, to advise the commanding officer at Hagerstown of this movement of the enemy, and suggested that he send several regiments of troops to Chambersburg as a measure of precaution. They could have been brought from Hagerstown to Chambersburg in an hour, but the union general commanding at Hagerstown treated the proposition with utter contempt, and in a rather insolent manner advised me not to bother him with any such absurd suggestions. I remained with the telegraph operator, and an hour later he received dispatches giving the startling information that the southern cavalry were on the turnpike at St. Thomas, eight miles northwest of Chambersburg, and moving in our direction. I repeated the information to the union commander at Hagerstown, only to receive another notice not to bother about any such ridiculous idea as the possibility of the southern force coming into Chambersburg.

The Suspense of Waiting.

The southern command was moving very slowly and with extreme caution, but steadily toward Chambersburg. I went home, took a hasty dinner and then went to my law office to await events. There was no military force of any kind in the town, but I still hoped that the small body of the enemy would not attempt to get so far from its base and so nearly in touch with McClellan's overwhelming force as to venture into our town. It seemed much more reasonable that they would retrace their steps and recross the upper Potomac with their horses and other plunder.

Telegraph communication was cut off when they reached the turnpike, and we had two hours of painful suspense. A cold drizzling rain had been falling during the entire day, and while sitting by a comfortable fire in the office just about dark four or five soldiers dressed in rather dilapidated gray, with a dirty white rag tied to a stick, entered the office.

When they reached the town they inquired for the military commander, but were informed that there was no military in the town, and they then asked where they could go to confer about occupying the town, and they were sent to my office. Judge Kimmell and Col. Kennedy came in about the same time and joined me in receiving our first visit from the confederates. The spokesman of the party said that they were sent with a flag of truce to ascertain whether they could enter the town without conflict, and they were informed that as there was no military force in the town there was nothing to hinder them from marching in.

I asked them what assurance could be given to our people as to the treatment they would receive from the confederate soldiers. The answer was that they had no authority to give assurances on the subject, but that satisfactory assurances would doubtless be given by the commander of the force. I asked who the commander was and where he could be found, and the answer was that the information could not be given. I then inquired whether they would take us to the commander and assure our safe return, to which they promptly answered that they would.

Kennedy, Kimmell and myself obtained horses and rode out along the pike for nearly a mile, and were finally brought up before what could be barely distinguished as a crowd of men. It was so dark that no one could be distinguished from another.

Gen. Wade Hampton rode to the front and greeted us, and was informed that we were citizens of Chambersburg who had come out to confer with him as to what assurances should be given to the people when his troops entered the town. He very promptly and cordially assured us that the citizens could all go to their homes with absolute confidence that they would not be disturbed, that no property would be taken except such as was absolutely necessary for the command; that they wanted horses and supplies, and that they could be had without disturbing the people. I had just been commissioned as assistant adjutant general of the United States a few days before, and it occurred to me that I should make some inquiry as to what might be the fate of the union officers. I said to Gen. Hampton that there were probably some union officers in the town, on recruiting or other duty, and asked what would be done with them. He answered that they would be paroled unless there were special reasons for not so doing, but he strictly enjoined us not to give information to any of them that they might escape. He then directed us to turn about and lead the command to Chambersburg, which we did.

A Friend Among Foes.

Gen. "Jeb" Stuart, altogether the most accomplished cavalry leader of the confederacy, was in command, with part of the brigades of Gens. Wade Hampton and Fitzhugh Lee, but Lee was not along in person.

A considerable portion of the command entered the town and swarmed through the square in the center that was lighted with gas, while squads scattered off in every direction in the immediate neighborhood to obtain horses.

While walking across the square that was then filled with the raiders I was suddenly slapped on the back, and when I turned around I recognized Hugh Logan, who had lived in the South Mountain before the war, but who joined the southern army immediately after the war began, and he was then a captain, and, of course, the guide in the movement, as he was thoroughly familiar with all the roads and especially the mountain passes through which Stuart had to make his escape.

Logan had been a client of mine, and I had successfully defended him in a kidnaping case. He was one of the rugged mountaineers in whom you will often find the most devoted personal friendship. He at once informed me that I had no business there; that a list of some 20 of the prominent men of Franklin county had been made out to be captured and taken to the Libby prison in Richmond, to be held as hostages for a number of citizen prisoners who had been captured by Gen. Pope in his bombastic meandering during his brief and disastrous campaign in Virginia. He informed me that they had seven of them, among whom was Perry A. Rice, who died in Libby prison; that my name was on the list, and that it would be a great disappointment if I were not taken with them. I told him that I was an officer, and repeated what Hampton had said about paroling officers. His answer was in these words: "Hampton's a gentleman, and if you could get to him he would parole you, but 'Jeb' wants you d——d badly." I reminded him that I was under obligations not to notify any officer to leave the town that night, and that if I escaped and they discovered that I was an officer they might do great injury to my property. He advised me to go out to my home, some distance from the center of the town, and if taken to come along quietly with the assurance that he would put me out of the line the next night, and I doubt not that he would have done it, even if it imperiled his own life.

I walked out to my home, and found that the 10 horses on the farm had been captured an hour before. I supposed that as the horses had been taken I would be likely to escape further visitation, as the command could not

long remain in Chambersburg with five or ten times the number of union troops in Hagerstown and only an hour distant by rail.

I reached home about 11 o'clock. The house stood 100 feet or more back from the road, and I closed the windows so that no light was visible outside and sat down on the porch.

An Encounter With the Enemy.

Some time about midnight I heard the clattering of hoofs and the jingling of swords on the turnpike out beyond me, and in a little while 100 or more of Fitzhugh Lee's cavalry halted in front of the house, as they were then just at the edge of the town and within touch of their lines. On one side of the road was a field with corn in shock, and they hurriedly drew an ample supply of corn to their horses, while another portion commenced tearing the paling off the fence to start a fire. I saw that I was up against them, and at once walked down to the gate and said that if they wanted to make a good fire there was plenty of wood a few feet around the corner, and that right behind it was a short way to water for the horses.

They received the information very kindly and at once desisted from tearing up the paling, and soon had an ample supply of wood ready for a fire. They crowded around it with great impatience, as they had been riding all day in a cold rain without overcoat or blanket and were stripped of everything that would retard rapidity of motion. They were all wet and chilled and the fire was very welcome.

One of them, who seemed to be in command, asked me if I lived there and whether I had any coffee in the house. I told him that it was my home and I had coffee, but I had no way to make it, as my servants were colored and had escaped. He said that they were not hunting negroes, and that if I could find my servants and get them coffee he would assure absolute protection to all of them and to everything in the house. He had no idea where he was, nor to whom he was talking, and least of all did he suppose that he was addressing one whom he was ordered to take as a prisoner to Richmond. I told him that I could find my servants, and the little lot of officers, embracing probably half a dozen, were invited to come into the house and have their coffee, which they very gladly accepted.

There was a bright fire burning in the library and the New York and Philadelphia papers were on the table with my name on them, and the officers seized upon them at once to see what was told about the war. They were not a minute in the room until they discovered that they had asked for hospitality and were about to receive it from one whom they were ordered to arrest as a prisoner and take to Richmond.

They had to assume that they did not know or suspect who I was, for if it became known in the south that they had supped at my house and failed to capture me they would have been liable to severe penalty, and in like manner they intuitively understood that no name of any of them should be spoken, so that I could give no information as to who had been my guests and failed to arrest me.

They were all men of more than ordinary intelligence, one of whom had been a delegate to the Democratic national convention of 1860, and they were very courteous and genial in manner. I had a bountiful supper prepared for them as speedily as possible, which they enjoyed heartily, and we sat an hour at the table discussing the various questions relating to the war.

Hard Logic on Other Side.

They, of course, knew who I was; knew something of my relations with the state government, and spoke with the utmost candor mingled with the highest measure of courtesy on the various questions relating to the war. I shall never forget the earnestness, the eloquence and pathos of one of the officers who reminded me that their command was then armed with the best cavalry weapons captured from our forces, that the second year of the war was drawing to a close and we had not yet fought a successful battle with the Confederate army of Virginia.

There was no trace of bombast or arrogance in the expressions of the southern officer. He felt that he was speaking in courtesy and candor to one who understood the situation north and south as well as he did. I answered him that he had overlooked the most vital consideration, one that would compel the north to continue the conflict even if the Confederacy was finally to be established. I reminded him that we were 20,000,000 to their 8,000,000, and that since war had begun there was no hope for the unity of the north unless it asserted its military mastery over the south.

To be defeated by inferior numbers would simply demoralize and disintegrate the north, and instead of having a northern republic it would break into a series of petty principalities and practically anarchy. I told him that, assuming that the Confederacy was not to be overthrown, its existence could be recognized only when the north had vindicated its power to defeat the military forces of the south when separation, if inevitable, might come with some semblance of honor to both. He bowed his head in sadness and said that it was the only forceful reasoning he had yet heard for the continuance of this cruel war. He spoke of the emancipation measure, and asked whether I favored it. He insensibly shuddered when I told him that I did, and that I might complain of it, but that he could not as the south had absolved itself from all relations with the general government that gave it the power to maintain slavery.

Wine and liquors were offered in abundance, but they indulged very sparingly, and when the bugle sounded for boots and saddles just at the break of day, they shook hands with me most cordially.

It was not until 10 years afterward that I learned who these officers were. One was Thomas W. Whitehead of Lynchburg, Va., who saw me in the hall of the house of representatives at Washington, of which he was then a member, and asked Mr. Clymer to introduce him to me. I then learned the whole story; that Lieut.-Col. James W. Watts commanded the detachment, and that Capt. Tebbs and himself, with Lieut. Kelso and two others, whose names he did not recall, were the officers who were my guests on that occasion.

It was never discovered in the south that they had been in my house, and as they were all unknown to me the names were never given to the north. I thus had a most interesting and impressive night with the Confederates, whose sense of chivalry made them refuse to obey the order to arrest me because they had entered my home in quest of hospitality.

A LAY SERMON by The Quiet Observer

(Erasmus Wilson.)

He that repeateth a matter separateth my friends.—Prov. 17: 19.

HAVE you good reasons for accepting the truth of this proverb?

Comparatively few men and women can truthfully say they have not been injured more or less by gossipers and repeaters of conversations.

And if you have not lost good friends by having your remarks concerning them repeated by careless talkers, you are an exception to the rule, as well as most fortunate.

Most people have a habit of saying things about their friends which, by a change of inflection or phraseology, or by being repeated out of their proper connection, may be made very offensive.

These same are given to making remarks concerning friends who are absent that they wouldn't make in their presence, and which they wouldn't have reported to them.

These remarks, more or less distorted, are almost certain to be carried to your friend, who, if sensitive, is apt to place the worst construction upon them, and right there a rupture begins which may never be healed.

The bearer of your remarks comes back loaded with more of the same sort upon which you place an unfair construction, and there and then ends a friendship of long standing.

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The custom in well-ordered Quaker homes was never to repeat gossip and rumors that might possibly prove injurious to anyone. If gossips brought ill stories into the house the good mother or father would endeavor to tone them down, and suggest that the benefit of the doubt be given to the ones that must suffer.

After the gossip-bearer had gone the word would go forth not to repeat the story to anyone, and the children and young folks would be counseled never to repeat any rumor that might prove injurious to anyone.

In this way the gossiping habit was kept down quite effectually. It is largely a habit, and when once contracted it does the rest. And so strong does this habit become that when a victim of it becomes possessed of a story, or a rumor, there will be no rest nor peace until it has been sent out in every direction.

This habit becomes as strong in its way as the liquor or drug habit, and as hard to control, and it is almost as bad as either. In very truth it is worse as far as the peace and comfort of a neighborhood, or of friends, is concerned.

The liquor and drug habits injure those most who have them, but the gossiping habit affects neighbors and friends seriously.

The swearing habit is bad enough, but it is a mild sort of virtue beside the gossiping habit.

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If you can say no good of one, it is better for you and for society to say nothing at all, even though the ill be true.

This rule will save you many heartburnings, to say nothing of the discomfort and positive injury it will save to others.

You may have known some who were socially wrecked by gossip that grew in volume and in virulence as it passed from tongue to tongue. Indeed, you may have yourself been a sufferer from social malaria.

Anyone is liable to do things innocently which may be so construed by an habitual gossip as to make them appear to be really awful things, and when thus construed and sent forth it is practically impossible to correct them.

Truly the tongue is an unruly member, and one that may work far more harm and cause many times more misery than the sword. In fact, the tongue precedes the sword, calls it out of its scabbard and bids it slash and slay.

Nor is it any less powerful for good than for harm, for it is the means of bringing much comfort and great peace and prosperity to the people when rightly used.

The good Simonides said that he never repented that he had held his tongue, but often that he had spoken.

You can say the same, and so can everyone who has a thought or a care for the feelings of others, or for themselves.

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The ability to hold or to control the tongue is the prime test of a Christian spirit. And yet gossip and rumors and idle tales and over-much talking are common to all religious congregations, or nearly all, at very most.

And how little do we hear from the pulpit concerning this unruly, mischief-making member? There is much preaching concerning church dogmas, and many learned, deep and dense sermons on subjects that interest none save scholars and theologians, and are, therefore, practically useless for reproof, doctrine or instruction concerning the things of life.

The tongue of scandal is an awful thing, a foul thing, a despicable thing, and yet the tongue of gossip works as much, if not more, harm.

The work of training the tongue must be commenced as soon as it begins to lisp words, and be kept in training by parents and teachers until the individual is capable of taking it in charge.

It is a great thing for one to be able to control his tongue, greater by far than to be able to speak with many tongues.

See to it, therefore, that you have your tongue bridled, and that it is free from venom, and that it is clean and prefers to utter clean words. Such a tongue will never part friends, nor bring sorrow, but will ever be the bearer of kindly, helpful messages.

The Hypocrisy of Peace.

By BJOERNSTJERNE BJOERNSON.

TWENTY years ago I wrote an article which caused quite a sensation in the European press, on the dreams and hopes of the young Russians. Russia and the United States were to divide the world between them, and Great Britain was to be crushed between the two. Just as the American continent had become one great union, the European continent was to become one great empire under the rule of the czar of Russia, who would proclaim universal peace, the new Pax Romana.

It seemed to me that the politics of the three Scandinavian kingdoms ought to take these dangerous dreams into consideration. To prevent Russia from seizing part of our territory under the pretext that she must have an ice-free port, I advised that the Norwegian government in time of peace should offer the czar right-of-way for a railroad leading to some port which was open all winter, and which would serve as an outlet for Russian products, and in return for this we should ask Russia to recognize the neutrality of the Scandinavian countries under all circumstances.

When writing that article about the dreams of the younger generation in Russia I thought especially of the young men who had grown up under the influence of the czar, the young aristocrats of Russia, as I knew that these men were dangerously ambitious. A moment came when I began to doubt the truth of my fears, but it was only a moment. It was when czar Nicholas put himself on record as in favor of universal peace and called the conference at The Hague. But when I saw how he at the same time continued to trample upon the constitutional rights of Finland and how he got hold of Manchuria by a ruse and by violating his promise it became clear to me that Czar Nicholas himself was imbued with these dreams of grandeur, and that he considered that he had been given a great mission by God. The first disclosure of this mission was made by young Count Tolstoy, an intimate friend of Czar Nicholas, who wrote, very much against the will of his father, in the Novoje Vremja an article on the present war:

> Since the time of Peter the Great Russia has never fought a war as important as the present. As Peter fought to gain possession of Russia's western coast line in Europe we are now fighting to acquire an extensive coast and territory on our eastern frontier. As we had to suffer a defeat at Narva by the hands of the Swedes to win the victory of Poltava, so we are now suffering defeats by the hands of the Swedes of Asia. There is no doubt as to the final outcome of this war. One has only to throw a glance at the map to see that Russia is a power the equal of which does not exist, that Russia is invincible, and that in spite of our temporary defeats we must and shall become the masters of the world.
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> The shadow of Russia covers all her neighbors, and she will bring them all under her rule. The day will surely come, and in a not very distant future, when we shall drive the English out of India. Russia is invincible.'

Here is the real peril which threatens us all—the Russian peril. One may doubt Russia's power, one may doubt that she will succeed, but it is a fact that, from the czar down to the youngest officer, every Russian hopes to realize the prophecy of young Count Tolstoy.

We have seen the effect of the masterly diplomacy of Russia. We have seen great numbers of German steamers sold to Russia to be transformed into cruisers or to act as colliers to the Baltic squadron. We suspect the existence of a secret understanding which has enabled Russia to withdraw nearly all her troops from the frontier of Germany to send them against the Japanese in Manchuria. But we are told that all this is done in the sacred interest of peace, that Russia is fighting for us all against the dreaded yellow peril; that she must crush Japan, that we may all enjoy the blessings of peace. Could the billions of money saved by the working people of France by her orchards and vineyards be used in a nobler cause?

It is only a short while ago that we read that the officers of a Russian man-of-war which had been disarmed at Saigon had fled. They had been assisted in every way in reaching St. Petersburg. This was against all the laws of neutrality and honor, but can any one doubt that it was done in the interest of peace to aid the Russian knight in slaying the yellow dragon which endangers the peace of the world?

Read the articles in the Temps, the mouthpiece of the French minister of foreign affairs, written by Charles Pettit. They all incite to war; they all call for the subjugation, the annihilation of the Japanese race, and they are all written from Tokyo. What strange love of peace.

Thus Germany and France, the two most cultured and civilized nations of Europe, have made themselves the slaves of Russia's ambitions, but they are not the only guilty ones—we are all guilty. In spite of our peace societies, in spite of the teachings of the Socialists of universal international brotherhood, our peace movement is a failure. We all speak high-sounding words, we boast of our love of peace, but we are all hypocrites, and as soon as any one reproves our own particular nation of injustice we are all ready to draw the sword.

The friends of peace in Germany prove themselves hypocrites, because though they know that there can be no hope of universal peace as long as the question of Alsace-Lorraine exists, they make no efforts to solve it. The friends of peace in Hungary are ready to jump at the throat of Austria any day, and there is no American who would hesitate to rush into war in defence of the Monroe doctrine.

As long as this hypocrisy exists, as long as we preach peace only when our interests are not threatened, there is no hope of universal peace.

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LITTLE STORIES OF A GREAT CITY

The Green Door

By O. HENRY.

SUPPOSE you are walking down Broadway after dinner, with ten minutes allotted to the consumption of your cigar while you are choosing between a diverting tragedy and something serious in the way of vaudeville. Suddenly a hand is laid upon your arm. You turn to look into the thrilling eyes of a beautiful woman, wonderful in diamonds and Russian sables. She thrusts hurriedly into your hand an extremely hot buttered roll, flashes out a tiny pair of scissors, snips off the second button of your overcoat, meaningly ejaculates the one word, "Parallelogram!" and swiftly flies down a cross street, looking back fearfully over her shoulder.

That would be pure adventure. Would you accept it? Not you. You would flush with embarrassment; you would sheepishly drop the roll and continue down Broadway, fumbling feebly for the missing button. This you would do unless you are one of the blessed few in whom the pure spirit of adventure is not dead.

True adventurers have never been plentiful. They who are set down in print as such have been mostly business men with newly invented methods. They have been out after the things they wanted—golden fleeces, holy grails, lady loves, treasure, crowns and fame. The true adventurer goes forth aimless and uncalculating to meet and greet unknown fate. A fine example was the Prodigal Son—when he started back home. A modern and admirable one was the ruffled Icarus who, when discovered and plucked by the heels from beneath a bed in a consequential mansion into which he had prowled, gave out to the police, press and posterity as the sole explanation of his exploit that he "was looking for the man with the griddle cakes."

Half-adventurers—brave and splendid figures—have been numerous. From the Crusades to the Palisades they have enriched the arts of history and fiction and the trade of historical fiction. But each of them had a prize to win, a goal to kick, an ax to grind, a race to run, a new thrust in tierce to deliver, a name to carve, a crow to pick—so they were not followers of true adventure.

In the big city the twin spirits Romance and Adventure are always abroad seeking worthy wooers. As we roam the streets they slyly peep at us and challenge us in 20 different guises. Without knowing why, we look up suddenly to see in a window a face that seems to belong to our gallery of intimate portraits; in a sleeping thoroughfare we hear a cry of agony and fear coming from an empty and shuttered house, instead of at our familiar curb a cab driver deposits us before a strange door, which one, with a smile, opens for us and bids us enter; a slip of paper, written upon, flutters down to our feet from the high lattices of Chance; we exchange glances of instantaneous hate, affection and fear with hurrying strangers in the passing crowds; a sudden souse of rain—and our umbrella may be sheltering the daughter of the full moon and first cousin of the sidereal system; at every corner handkerchiefs drop, fingers beckon, eyes besiege and the lost, the lonely, the rapturous, the mysterious, the perilous, changing clues of adventure are slipped into our fingers. But few of us are willing to hold and follow them. We are grown stiff with the ramrod of convention down our backs. We pass on; and some day we come, at the end of a very dull life, to reflect that our romance has been a pallid thing of a marriage or two, a satin rosette kept in a safe deposit drawer, and a lifelong feud with a steam radiator.

Rudolf Steiner was a true adventurer. Few were the evenings on which he did not go forth from his hall bedchamber in search of the unexpected and the egregious. The most interesting thing in life seemed to him to be what might lie just around the next corner. Sometimes his willingness to tempt fate led him into strange paths. Twice he had spent the night in a stationhouse; again and again he had found himself the dupe of ingenious and mercenary tricksters; his watch and money had been the price of one flattering allurement. But with undiminished [illegible] picked up every glove cast before him into the ardor h[illegible] of adventure.
merry li[illegible]vening Rudolf was strolling along a crosstown
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street in [illegible]illed the sidewalks—the home-hurrying, and
of people

that restless contingent that abandons home for the specious welcome of the thousand-candle-power table d'hote.

The young adventurer was of pleasing presence, and moved serenely and watchfully. By daylight he was a salesman in a piano store. He wore his tie drawn through a topaz ring instead of fastened with a stick pin; and once he had written to the editor of a magazine that "Junie's Love Test," by Miss Libbey, had been the book that had most influenced his life.

During his walk a violent chattering of teeth in a glass case on the sidewalk seemed at first to draw his attention (with a qualm), to a restaurant before which it was set; but a second glance revealed the electric letters of a dentist's sign high above the next door. A giant negro, fantastically dressed in a red embroidered coat, yellow trousers and a military cap, discreetly distributed cards to those of the passing crowd who consented to take them.

This mode of dentistic advertising was a common sight to Rudolf. Usually he passed the dispenser of the dentist's cards without reducing his store; but tonight the African slipped one into his hand so deftly that he retained it there, smiling a little at the successful feat.

When he had traveled a few yards further he glanced at the card indifferently. Surprised, he turned it over and looked again with interest. One side of the card was blank; on the other was written in ink three words, "The Green Door." And then Rudolf saw, three steps in front of him, a man throw down the card the negro had given him as he passed. Rudolf picked it up. It was printed with the dentist's name and address and the usual schedule of "plate work" and "bridge work" and "crowns," and specious promises of "painless" operations.

The adventurous piano salesman halted at the corner and considered. Then he crossed the street, walked down a block, recrossed and joined the upward current of people again. Without seeming to notice the negro as he passed the second time, he carelessly took the card that was handed him. Ten steps away he inspected it. In the same handwriting that appeared on the first card "The Green Door" was inscribed upon it. Three or four cards were tossed to the pavement by pedestrians both following and leading him. These fell blank side up. Rudolf turned them over. Every one bore the printed legend of the dental "parlors."

Rarely did the arch sprite Adventure need to beckon twice to Rudolf Steiner, his true follower. But twice it had been done, and the quest was on.

Rudolf walked slowly back to where the giant negro stood by the case of rattling teeth. This time as he passed he received no card. In spite of his gaudy and ridiculous garb, the Ethiopian displayed a natural barbaric dignity as he stood, offering the cards suavely to some, allowing others to pass unmolested. Every half minute he chanted a harsh, unintelligible phrase akin to the jabber of car conductors and grand opera. And not only did he withhold a card this time, but it seemed to Rudolf that he received from the shining and massive black countenance a look of cold, almost contemptuous disdain.

The look stung the adventurer. He read in it a silent accusation that he had been found wanting. Whatever the mysterious written words on the cards might mean, the black had selected him twice from the throng for their recipient; and now seemed to have condemned him as deficient in the wit and spirit to engage the enigma.

Standing aside from the rush, the young man made a rapid estimate of the building in which he conceived that his adventure must lie. Five stories high it rose. A small restaurant occupied the basement. The first floor, now closed, seemed to house millinery or furs. The second floor, by the winking electric letters, was the dentist's. Above this a polyglot babel of signs struggled to indicate the abodes of palmists, dressmakers, musicians and doctors. Still higher up draped curtains and milk bottles white on the window sills proclaimed the regions of domesticity.

After concluding his survey Rudolf walked briskly up the high flight of stone steps into the house. Up the carpeted stairway he continued; and at its head paused. The hallway there was dimly lighted by two pale jets of gas—one far to his right, the other nearer, to his left. He looked toward the nearer light and saw, within its wan halo, a green door. For one moment he hesitated; then he seemed to see the contumelious sneer of the African juggler of cards; and then he walked straight to the green door and knocked against it.

Moments like these that passed before his knock was answered measure the quick breath of true adventure. What might not be behind those green panels! Gamesters at play; cunning rogues baiting their traps with subtle skill; beauty in love with courage, and thus planning to be sought by it, danger, death, love, disappointment, ridicule—any of these might respond to that temerarious rap.

A faint rustle was heard inside, and the door slowly opened. A girl not yet 20 stood there, white-faced and tottering. She loosed the knob and swayed weakly, groping with one hand. Rudolf caught her and laid her on a faded couch that stood against the wall. He closed the door and took a swift glance around the room by the light of a flickering gas jet. Neat, but extreme poverty was the story that he read.

The girl lay still, as if in a faint. Rudolf looked around the room excitedly for a barrel. People must be rolled upon a barrel who—no, no; that was for drowned persons. He began to fan her with his hat. That was successful, for he struck her nose with the brim of his derby, and she opened her eyes. And then the young man saw that hers, indeed, was the one missing face from his heart's gallery of intimate portraits. The frank, gray eyes; the little nose, turning partly outward; the chestnut hair, curling like the tendrils of a peavine, seemed the right end and reward of all his wonderful adventures. But the face was wofully thin and pale.

The girl looked at him calmly, and then smiled.

"Fainted, didn't I?" she asked, weakly. "Well, who wouldn't? You try going without anything to eat for three days and see!"

"Himmel!" exclaimed Rudolf, jumping up. "Wait till I come back."

He dashed out the green door and down the stairs. In 20 minutes he was back again, kicking at the door with his toe for her to open it. With both arms he hugged an array of wares from the grocery and the restaurant. On the table he laid them—bread and butter, cold meats, cakes, pies, pickles, oysters, a roasted chicken, a bottle of milk and one of red-hot tea.

"This is ridiculous," said Rudolf, blusteringly, "to go without eating. You must quit making election bets of this kind. Supper is ready."

He helped her to a chair at the table and asked: "Is there a cup for the tea?" "On the shelf by the window," she answered. When he turned again with the cup he saw her, with eyes shining rapturously, beginning upon a huge dill pickle that she had rooted out from the paper bags with a woman's unerring instinct. He took it from her, laughing, and poured the cup full of milk. "Drink that first," he ordered, "and then you shall have some tea, and then a chicken wing. If you are very good you shall have a pickle tomorrow. And now, if you'll allow me to be your guest we'll have some supper."

He drew up the other chair and pretended to be hungry, too. The tea—tired woman's sweet restorer—brightened the girl's eyes and brought back some of her color. She began to eat with a sort of dainty ferocity like some starved wild animal. She seemed to regard the young man's presence and the aid he had rendered her as a natural thing—not as though she undervalued the conventions; but as one whose great stress gave her the right to put aside the artificial for the human. But gradually, with the return of strength and comfort, came also a sense of the little conventions that belong; and she began to tell him her little story. It was one of a thousand such as the city yawns at every day—the shop girl's story of insufficient wages, further reduced by "fines" that go to swell the store's profits; of time lost though illness; and then of lost positions, lost hope, and—the knock of the adventurer upon the green door.

But to Rudolf the history sounded as big as the Iliad or the crisis in "Junie's Love Test."

"To think of you going through all that," he exclaimed.

"It was something fierce," said the girl, solemnly.

"And you have no relatives or friends in the city?"

"None whatever."

"I am all alone in the world, too," said Rudolf, after a pause.

"I am glad of that," said the girl, promptly; and somehow it pleased the young man to hear that she approved of his bereft condition.

Very suddenly her eyelids dropped and she sighed deeply.

"I'm awfully sleepy," she said, "and I feel so good."

Rudolf rose and took his hat.

"Then I'll say good-night. A long night's sleep will be fine for you."

He held out his hand, and she took it and said "good-night." But her eyes asked a question so eloquently, so frankly and pathetically that he answered it in words.

"Oh, I'm coming back tomorrow to see how you are getting along. You can't get rid of me so easily."

Then, at the door, as though the way of his coming had been so much less important than the fact that he had come, she asked: "How did you come to knock at my door?"

He looked at her for a moment, remembering the cards, and felt a sudden jealous pain. What if they had fallen into other hands as adventurous as his? Quickly he decided that she must never know the truth. He would never let her know that he was aware of the strange expedient to which she had been driven by her great distress.

"One of our piano tuners lives in this house," he said. "I knocked at your door by mistake."

The last thing he saw in the room before the green door closed was her smile.

At the head of the stairway he paused and looked curiously about him. And then he went along the hallway to its other end; and, coming back, ascended to the floor above and continued his puzzled explorations. Every door that he found in the house was painted green.

He took it from her and poured the cup full of milk.

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MR. DOOLEY'S PHILOSOPHY

The Simple Life

By FINLEY PETER DUNNE.

"WELL, Chas. Wagner has been havin' th' fine old time over here," said Mr. Dooley.

"Is that th' man that wrote th' music?" asked Mr. Hennessy.

"No," said Mr. Dooley; "that was Cal. This is Chas. Wagner, an' he's th' author iv th' two hunderd thousandth book that Prisidint Rosenfelt has read since th' first iv Novimber. 'Tis called 'Th' Simple Life.' He cudden't find it in France, so he come lookin' f'r it among th' simple an' pasthral people in this counthry. He found it. He come over in a large but simple ship iv twinty thousan' simple horse power, an' landed in th' simple village iv New York, where he was met be a comity iv simple little village lads an' lasses an' escorted to th' simple Waldorf an' installed in a room simply decorated in purple plush. That avenin' he attinded a meetin' iv th' Fifth Av'noo Female Simplicity Club. A lady wearin' a

"If ye be rich, be simply rich."

collar iv dimon's whose value was simply fabulous recited passages fr'm 'Th' Simple Life.' Afther this a simple supper iv terrapin an' champagne was served. He thin took a simple Pullman thrain to Wash'nton, where he attinded a rayciption at which a lady iv th' diplomatic core, which is all that is left iv diplomacy nowadays, poked th' wife iv a congressman with a lorgnette f'r goin' into supper ahead iv her. Later he was rayceived be th' simple prisidint, who said to him: 'Chas.,' he says, 'I've been preachin' ye'er book to me counthrymen,' he says. 'Simplicity an' a sthrong navy is th' watchword iv this administration,' he says.

"Since thin Chas. has been whoopin' up th' simple life. They've showed him ivrything simple we have. He's seen th' subway, th' dhrainage canal, th' stock exchange, Tom Lawson, Jawn D. Rockefellar an' Mrs. Chadwick. He's looped th' loops, shot th' shoots, had a ride in a pathrol wagon, played th' races an' met Dave Hill. Th' las' seen iv him he was climbin' into a private car in a fur-lined coat an' a plug hat. Whin he goes home to his simple life in Paris he's goin' to have a ticker put in his study. He is undherstud to favor sellin' copper on bulges.

"I haven't read his book, but Hogan says it's a good wan, an' I'm goin' to read it afther I've read th' Bible an' Emerson, which Mike Ahearn ricommended to me th' year iv th' big fire. Th' idee is that no matther what ye ar-re, ye must be simple. If ye're rich, be simply rich; if ye're poor, be simply poor; if ye're nayether, be nayether, but be simple about it. Ye don't have to be gin'rous to be simple. He makes a sthrong pint iv that. (Regards to Russell Sage.) It isn't nicissry to open ye'er purse, says Chas. If ye're a miser, be a simple miser. It ain't issintial to be poor to be simple. A poor man walkin' th' sthreet is far less simple thin a rich man lollin' back in his carriage an' figurin' out simple inthrest on his cuff. Th' poor man is envious iv th' rich man, but th' rich man is not envious iv th' poor man. If ye're a flower, says he, be a flower; if ye're a bur-rd, be a bur-rd; if a horse, a horse; if a mule, a mule; if a hummin' bur-rud, a hummin' bur-rud; if a polecat, a polecat; if a man, a man. But always be simple, be it ever so complex.

"Th' on'y thing, Hogan, an' I can't make out fr'm th' book is what is simplicity. I may be a simpleton, Hinnissy, but I don't know. Father Tom Burke was forty years writin' a book on 'simplicity,' an' he niver got beyond th' first sintince, which was: 'It is simply impossible to define simplicity.' It ain't simple to be poor; it ain't simple to be without clothes; it ain't simple to be pious or sober. Ye're pretty simple to believe all I tell ye, but ye may not be as simple as I think an' hope. A lie may be as simple as th' thruth. Th' fact iv th' matther is that th' rale thruth is niver simple. What we call thruth an' pass around fr'm hand to hand is on'y a kind iv a currency that we use f'r convanience. There are a good manny counterfeiters an' a lot iv th' counterfeits mus' be in circulation. I haven't anny question that I take in manny iv thim over me intellechool bar ivry day an' pass out not a few. Some iv th' counterfeits has as much precious metal in thim as th' rale goods, on'y they don't bear th' govermint stamp.

"What th' divvle is simplicity, annyhow? Simple is a foolish wurrud, whin ye come to think it over. Simple, simple, simple. It's a kind iv a mixture iv silly an' dimple. I don't know how to go about bein' simple. Th' Lord didn't make me that way. I can imagine simplicity, but I can't just put me hand on it. No more can Chas. Wagner. Tell me, Chas., how to lead th' simple life. Tell me, Thaydore Rosenfelt, simple soul, what I must do. I'll go as far as ye like. Hand out th' rayceipt. I'll make mesilf a simple man if I have to bake in a slow oven to do it. What'll I do? Throw away th' superflooties, says Hogan, out iv Chas. his book. But what ar-re th' superflooties? I'll turn out th' ilicthric light, shut off th' furnace, an' desthroy th' cash raygister be which complex macheen I keep mesilf fr'm robbin' mesilf. But am I anny more simple because I'm holdin' out on mesilf with frozen fingers be a tallow dip? Was th' wurruld iver anny more simple thin it is today? I doubt it. I bet ye there was a good dale iv talk about Adam an' Eve dhressin' ostentatiously an' havin' th' King iv Beljium's ancesthor to supper with thim. Hogan was readin' me out iv a book th' other day about th' simple fathers iv th' counthry. It was a tur-rble shock to me. This fellow says that Robert Morris, who I supposed sacrificed his fortune f'r liberty, injooced th' govermint to pay good money f'r bad; Jawn Adams wanted to make a kingdom iv th' counthry, while as f'r George Wash'nton, he acted like a coal-oil Jawnny whin he wint to th' White House, an' his wife put on insuff'rable airs an' had such bad table manners that this here pathrite was compelled to leave th' room an' run home to put it down in his diary.

"An' there ye ar-re. Th' more I think, th' less simple simplicity becomes. Says Wagner via Hogan, a man shud be like a lamp, an' th' more light he sheds th' betther man he is. That's th' throuble with ivrybody that thries to advise me to be something I ain't. Whin I run him into a corner an' say, 'Come on now an' make good. Show me th' way,' he tells me I'm a lamp, or a three, or a snow-flake blown be th' winds, or a bur-rd in a gilded cage, or a paint brush, or a ship, or something else. But says I: 'I'm none iv these fine things. I'm a kind iv a man, an' I'm not mintioned in th' botany or th' mail ordher list. Tell me what I must do.' An' he looks me in th' eye an', says he: 'Be a man.' An' there ye ar-re. If a man's a lamp, it's because he smokes; it don't show up well in th' sunlight an' will wan day be blown out. There ar-re other simple uses f'r lamps besides givin' light, which is wan iv th' poorest things they do nowadays. Rothschild thrades in thim, th' German impror thinks they ar-re on'y useful to throw at his inimies, an' my business is to fill thim with karosene.

"No, sir, they ain't anny simple life. There's on'y life. It's kind iv an obstacle race. Sinnin', repintin'; sinnin', repintin'. Some can jump high, some can't jump at all. Thim that jump highest have farthest to fall. Those that go farthest are ruled off f'r foulin'. A man's no more thin a man, an' he has as manny things in him, anny wan iv thim li'ble to go wrong without a moment's notice, as all th' injines, tools, lamps an' other hardware figures iv speech in a prize pome. He has to make his clumsy repairs while undher full headway. Lucky man if he staggers into port without havin' caused too manny shipwrecks on th' way over. It isn't th' most succissful passage that has caused th' most shipwrecks. Ye see, Hinnissy, I'm a kind iv a Chas. Wagner mesilf on'y betther. He gets his out iv a Fr-rench head an' I got mine out iv th' third reader that a little boy left in here who come f'r a pint iv simple refrishment f'r his father's complex thirst."

"I don't think ye know such a lot about it," said Mr Hennessy.

"I know more about th' simple life," said Mr. Dooley.

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THE GREEN DOOR.

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Wondering, he descended to the sidewalk. The fantastic African was still there. Rudolf confronted him with his two cards in his hand.

"Will you tell me why you gave me these cards and what they mean?" he asked.

In a broad, good-natured grin the negro exhibited a splendid advertisement of his master's profession.

"Dar it is, boss," he said, pointing down the street. "But I 'spect you is a little late for de fust act."

Looking the way he pointed Rudolf saw above the entrance to a theater the blazing electric sign of its new play, "The Green Door."

"I'm informed dat it's a fust-rate show, sah," said the negro. "De agent what represents it pussented me with a dollar, sah, to distribute a few of his cards along with de doctah's. May I offer you one of de doctah's cards, sah?"

At the corner of the block in which he lived Rudolf stopped for a glass of beer and a cigar. When he had come out with his lighted weed he buttoned his coat, pushed back his hat and said, stoutly, to the lamp post on the corner:

"All the samey, I believe it was the hand of fate that doped out the way for me to find her."

Which conclusion, under the circumstances, certainly admits Rudolf Steiner to the ranks of the true followers of Romance and Adventure.

Just for Fun.

"I called on a charming widow not long ago," says a confirmed bachelor, and was confronted by a strong odor of disinfectants."

"What is it?" I asked. "Smallpox or diptheria?"

"Neither," she answered lightly. "I take the precaution to disinfect every little while," she explained, "for fear I might catch another husband."

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Master (to his servant): "John, I have noticed that ever since your wife's death you have come home drunk every evening. Why is this?" John: "I am only trying to console myself for my loss." Master: "And how long is this going to last?" John: "Oh, sir, I am inconsolable."

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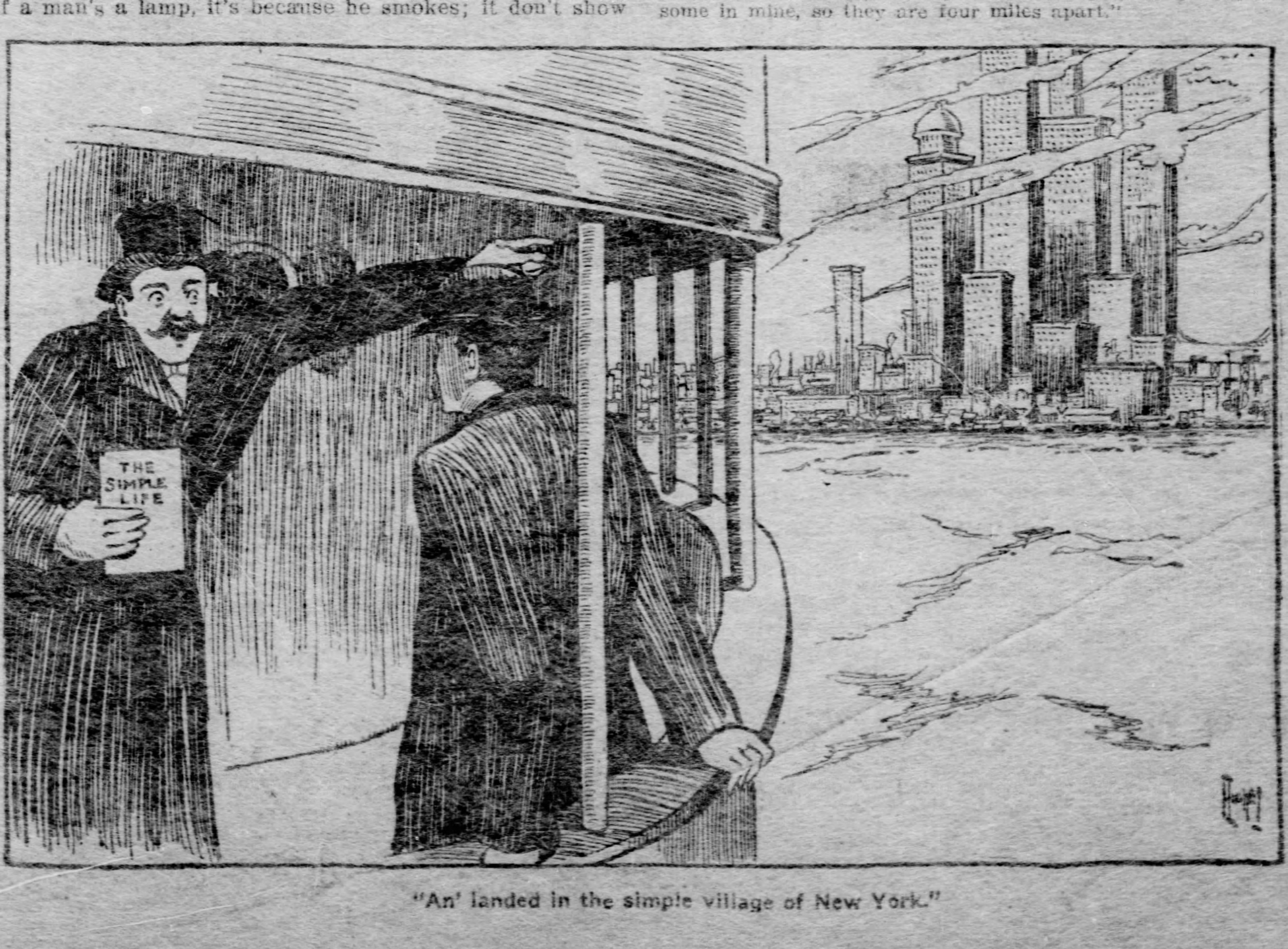
his gardener to be sure and plant them far enough apart.
his gardner to be sure and plant them far enough apart. "Well, Sam, did you plant the potatoes far apart, as I told you?" Sam: "I did, sir, I planted some in your garden and some in mine, so they are four miles apart."



"An' landed in the simple village of New York."

BOOKS AND BOOKMEN

By George Seibel.

AMONG the holiday books are two that bear the names of Pittsburghers upon the title page—"Wit and Humor of Well-Known Quotations," by Judge Marshall Brown, and "The Ideal Mother," by the Rev. B. Gwernydd Newton. Judge Brown's book is a treasury of anecdote and allusion; Pastor Newton's book is religious in its appeal; but both reflect much credit upon their authors, and ought to be favorites with Christmas book buyers. The Iron City has not been so prolific of authors that she may leave it to other cities to encourage them.

Judge Brown is an industrious and indefatigable collector of witty and humorous things. In his new book he has taken a hundred or so wise old saws, and has illustrated them with a wealth of apt comment and stories. For example, there is Henry Lee's tribute to Washington: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," to illustrate which Judge Brown tells two anecdotes:

> Teacher—Who was the first man?
> Head scholar—Washington; he was the first in war, first in—
> Teacher—No, no; Adam was the first man.
> Head scholar—Oh, if you're talking of foreigners, I s'pose he was.

The other one is from the Boston Transcript, and makes one recall all the invective and commination ever hurled against punsters:

> "Who was the greatest American poet?" asked Prof. Stearns.
> "George Washington," said the slow boy in the farther seat, "he was versed in war, versed in peace and ver—" But the professor interrupted him to say that he was the verst he ever heard, and just then the lightning struck the college, and without coming to a vote the house adjourned.

One is quite of the professor's opinion and ready to second the lightning's action. It may be said in extenuation, however, that this is the worst story in the book, which is full of good things. Perhaps the most distinctive and striking quality is the aptness with which well-known quotations are capped. Thus Dryden's "None but the brave deserve the fair," is followed by the comment, "And none but the brave can live with some of them." Judge Brown's book, which is a thesaurus of smiles, is published by Small, Maynard & Co.

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The Rev. Mr. Newton's book on "The Ideal Mother" traces "the development of the ideal mother from grace to grace and from glory to glory, in the hope of awakening thereby a desire in the reader's heart to cultivate and to cherish the gentler virtues of which the devout mother is the divinest expression on earth." Mr. Newton writes with poetic eloquence and his book is full of beautiful truths. "You may tell the destiny of a child by knowing what a mother hides in her heart," is a truism founded upon eternal verity. "Sympathy defines the stature of the soul, and mercy is the measure of the man," is an observation of deep significance. Mr. Newton's volume is rich in suggestion and instruction. It is published by G. P. Putnam's Sons.

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Jack London, whose novel "The Sea Wolf" is one of the most striking books of the year, is yet a young man. He is described as of medium stature and weight, broad-shouldered, well-muscled, sturdy and of a breezy carriage, in keeping with the delightful shipboard roll of his walk. His smooth, unshaven face with its square, firm-set chin is strikingly expressive, the keen gray-blue eyes are thoughtful and impassioned by turns, the brow and chin indicative of strength and purpose, and the handsome mobile mouth terminates in what some writer felicitously terms "pictured corners." He impresses any one who meets him casually as a sailor or an adventurer, not as a writer. Among his hobbies, other than Socialism, may be mentioned kite-flying and boat-sailing. Much of his writing is done on his sloop-yacht in San Francisco bay. He is only 27 years of age and his first book appeared in 1900.

JACK LONDON.

From Henry James to Gen. King.

"The Golden Bowl." By Henry James. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. Two volumes. 412 and 377 pages. Price, $2.50.

"The Undercurrent." By Robert Grant. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 480 pages. Price, $1.50.

"Dr. Luke of the Labrador." By Norman Duncan. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company. Pittsburgh: W. W. Waters. 327 pages. Price, $1.50.

"Baccarat." By Frank Danby. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 312 pages. Price, $1.50.

"Diane." By Katherine Holland Brown. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 440 pages. Price, $1.50.

"The Law of the Land." By Emerson Hough. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company. 416 pages. Price, $1.50.

"An Angel by Brevet." By Helen Pitkin. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. 384 pages. Price, $1.50.

"Far from the Maddening Girls." By Guy Wetmore Carryl. New York: McClure, Phillips & Co. 186 pages. Price, $1.50.

"Captain Amyas." By Dolf Wyllarde. New York: John Lane. 303 pages. Price, $1.50.

"The Closed Book." By William Le Queux. New York: The Smart Set Publishing Company. 350 pages. Price, $1.50.

"Sweet Peggy." By Linnie Sarah Harris. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 279 pages. Price, $1.50.

"Comrades in Arms." By Gen. Charles King. New York: The Hobart Company. 350 pages. Price, $1.50.

A VAST variety of fiction is spread before the holiday book buyer this year. He can take his choice from a wilderness of titles, by authors ranging from the esoteric and elect Henry James to the obvious and popular Charles King. These distinctions imply no difference in merit, for of his kind Henry James is just as "abominable" as Gen. King, and Gen. King is in his kind just as "artistic" as Henry James. The terms "abominable" and "artistic" are only relative, after all.

Of Henry James' "Golden Bowl" it may be said that it is abominably artistic. That is to say, it is eminently Jamesy. It is an international episode, but his international episodes have become utterly befogged by vapid verbosity since the day of "Daisy Miller." Sometimes one thinks that Mr. James can say anything, so subtle is his maneuvering of words; sometimes one thinks that if he were in the grammar grade at school he would get his ears boxed frequently. He writes with a stutter. His sentences are adverbial mincemeat. His long-winded circumlocutions aggravate and harass. It seems, sometimes, as if he had nothing to say and did not know how to say it. For example:

> Adam Verver, at Fawns, that autumn Sunday, might have been observed to open the door of the billiard room with a certain freedom—might have been observed, that is, had there been a spectator in the field. The justification of the push he had applied, however, and of the push, equally sharp, that, to shut himself in, he again applied—the ground of this energy was precisely that he might here, however briefly, find himself alone, alone with the handful of letters, newspapers and other unopened missives, to which, during and since breakfast, he had lacked opportunity to give an eye.

Any writer but Mr. James would have said: "Adam Verver went to the billiard room to open his mail." If Henry James had written the account of creation, the verse "God said, let there be light, and there was light," would have sufficed for the book of Genesis. Of course, Mr. James' characters are like himself. They won't say a thing right out if they can twist and torture language into any hazy tangle of harsh parentheses. "You haven't, I rather gather, particularly liked your country," says one of them. All talk cryptic bosh. You may define all of Henry James' people thus: "They lack common sense and have never heard of syntax."

As for the story in these 800 pages, it is very hard to discover. There is somewhat less plot than in some of Mr. James' short stories which have hardly any. An Italian prince marries an American girl. Her father marries a girl who is the prince's old sweetheart. That is the situation. At the end we have a vague idea, like Mrs. Assingham—we feel dimly that something must have happened in this wonderful land where even second-hand dealers speak in symbols and veiled allusions—but what has happened is rather difficult to decide, so much of the talk was Greek and the rest was italics.

That one can be psychological without being mysterious or tiresome is proved by Judge Grant's novel, "The Undercurrent." It is frankly a problem novel, and the problem is the same as in Paul Bourget's "Divorce," a problem which much discussion has brought into special prominence lately. Judge Grant's finding is for divorce and remarriage—not a justification of social laxity, but a plea for a door of escape from marital misery and a haven of refuge for those wrecked upon matrimonial reefs. Constance, the heroine of the story, is married to a man who deserts her on finding that "they have made a mess of it." Her affiliations with the Episcopal church enable her to make her way alone and support her two children. She becomes a stenographer and then a confidential clerk in the office of Gordon Perry, an attorney, an ideal of noble manhood. He falls in love with her, proposes that she secure a divorce and marry him, and she loves him no less, but the ban of the church bids her put love aside and retain her matrimonial chains. The whole question is thoroughly discussed from both sides, and Judge Grant's final decision seems well fortified with argument and precedent. Not the least charm of the novel is the picture it presents of real high society, men and women of wealth and lofty purpose, whose lives and benefactions must inspire other lives. Judge Grant's style is clear and vigorous; his diction almost impeccable. Altogether, the book is a worthy successor of "Unleavened Bread," while its heroine is the exact antithesis of Selma White.

Quite different in its environment, and yet related in its essential atmosphere, is Norman Duncan's novel of northern fisher folk, "Dr. Luke of the Labrador." The story has a varied appeal. The self-sacrifice of the heroic

FRANK DANBY (Mrs. Julia Frankau),
Author of "Baccarat," "Pigs in Clover, Etc.

doctor and the mystery surrounding him appeal strongly to the imagination. The tender trustfulness and loving heart of Bessie Roth will enlist every reader's sympathy. The portrayal of the hard lives and homely piety of the fishermen is stirring in its realism, its pathos and tragedy. It is a story of suffering, courage, expiation and rejoicing. There are some melodramatic touches toward the close, where Jagger's dogs devour him, and there is lack of literary polish throughout, but for human interest and vivid style the tale has few peers.

Frank Danby, the pen-name of Mrs. Julia Frankau, became widely known by her powerful but disagreeable novel "Pigs in Clover," published a year ago. "Baccarat," her new book, is far less powerful and somewhat less disagreeable; still it is dramatic enough and lurid enough. The heroine is a young French woman left by her English husband at a continental watering place, where she develops a mania for gambling which plunges her into trouble. The story of her elopement with a Belgian croupier, of her husband's pursuit and pardon, and of all the consequences is told with brutal realism that calls a spade a shovel. It is a strong book and an unpleasant one, but far less pains have been taken with it than with "Pigs in Clover."

Katherine Holland Brown's "Diane" is a novel of slavery days, dealing with the Underground Railway and with Pere Cabet's communistic colony on the Mississippi, near the site of the old Mormon capital Nauvoo. John Brown is an incidental figure, as in Upton Sinclair's "Manassas," but the real hero is a sturdy old Quaker who devotes his energies to practical abolition work. Diane, the heroine, is a figure enveloped in some glamour of mystery, and not without piquant charm; but Petit Clef, a mixture of Puck and Ariel in cripple guise, is rather unconvincingly wise and poetic. There is a great variety of dialects in the book—southern, western, negro and Frenchy—and they are handled with reasonable care. The style is rather exuberant, and the whole book breathes enthusiasm rather than maturity. Some of the characters are actually garrulous. Yet it is a book that carries one along by its breezy buoyancy and unconventional setting.

The mighty Mississippi also flows through the pages of Emerson Hough's new novel, "The Law of the Land." The story has all the ingredients that are warranted to thrill, from a lovely heroine whose parentage is enveloped in mystery and who is the real heiress to a great estate, to a most persistent and villainous villain who joins the morals of Don Juan with the ethics of Jesse James. One of the most striking chapters is that in which Col. Blount, owner of the Big House where much of the action takes place, has his first encounter with the hero, who is claim agent, or "cow coroner" for a railroad; the settling of the claim at the point of a revolver, and the subsequent return of the check, with Blount's unhappiness because Eddring refuses his hospitality, is a spirited and dramatic piece of writing. Miss Lady, the heroine, seems emotionally strained, and the villain's death occurs only because the author had to get rid of him, but the story is well managed in the main, and the revolt of the slaves in the first part lends it a moving background.

Another phase of Southern life, the soft languor of the bayous and the strange superstitions of the Creoles, forms the warp and woof of "An Angel by Brevet," Miss Helen Pitkin's story. The picture of Voodoo magic is weird and impressive, though it does not compare with Stevenson's "Story of the Fair Cuban." However it is chiefly for her portrayal of the far southern life, which seems almost the life of another race, that Miss Pitkin's book will be read with pleasure. But if her accounts of demoniac orgies are not overdrawn, we have no reason to sneer at reports of icon-adoration in Russia, nor any call to send missionaries to Shinto ancestor-worshipers. The voodoo scenes, however, are but the setting for the love-story, which revolves about the usual sort of heroine—named Angelique, which suffices. A word must be said about Miss Pitkin's style, which needs the pruning hook very sadly. "Prosilient measures," "intrepitant stare," "odyllic mysteries," "lethal jubilee" are some of the phrases culled at random. There is continual straining

after bizarre expression, which is less excusable than the thickly-spattered French phrases.

There is nothing uncanny or outre about "Sweet Peggy," by Linnie Sarah Harris. It is the conventional summer idyl; a talented musician, whose eloquent name is Maxwell York, is captivated by the sweet voice of the village beauty and captured by her sweeter self. If these poets, painters and musicians who are always going to the country to spend their vacation would only be warned by the matrimonial fate of those that went before! Each chapter of Miss Harris' story is appropriately captioned with a musical motif, running the gamut from the Spring Song to the Bridal Chorus and Finale.

Country idyls are always most palatable when taken with some grains of humor. That is what saves Guy Wetmore Carryl's "Far from the Maddening Girls." It is Stocktonian in flavor—without spice of problems or sentimental syruping. A young man, confirmed bachelor, bookish and a wag, builds himself a house in a spot, as he thinks, "far from the maddening girls." But, of course, that's impossible in a story—a story without at least one girl would be like Eden without the serpent; there wouldn't be any story. The recluse finds he has a fair neighbor, and the rest may be guessed.

Nothing idyllic or humorous clings about William Le Queux's "Closed Book." Here is a story of hidden treasure with some novel elements in it. The "Closed Book" tells where the jewels of Lucrezia Borgia are hidden, but the pages of the book are poisoned. Poisoned umbrellas, door knobs and match safes are among the other murderous paraphernalia of the story, which is of the good old kind that G. P. R. James and G. W. M. Reynolds used to write. One looks for the rest of Mr. Le Queux's initials.

Dolf Wyllarde, like Frank Danby, is a woman, and that renders it as difficult to see why she should have written a book like "Captain Amyas" as it is to see why the other should have written "Baccarat." This story is another of the strong and unpleasant variety. Its hero is a captain of the English merchant marine, the evolution of whose character or lack of character is traced from boyhood. Coming home to find his sweetheart the victim of a profligate preacher, he enters upon a career of dissipation and dissoluteness himself. The climax of tragedy comes when the captain of another ship, whose daughter Amyas had wronged, rams the ocean liner commanded by him and he goes down with most of those on board.

Gen. King's new story, "Comrades in Arms," opens with a mysterious shooting at a frontier army post. There is a lieutenant whose attentions to the ladies stir up jealousy while his display of affluence causes conjecture—he is the one that is shot. There is a captain's daughter sweet sixteen, who is true to him through all suspicions, disasters and slow convalescence. Incidents are so thick and come so fast that the novel reads more like a military report than like literature. No Henry-Jamesy subtleties here; just plot—plot—plot. One can't buy land without stones, nor meat without bones, but Gen. King's stories are almost petrified skeletons. But they will please people who do not clamor for literary amenities and do not care for Art with a big A.

Two Christmas Books by Riley.

"A Defective Santa Claus." By James Whitcomb Riley. With pictures by C. M. Relyea and Will Vawter. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company. Price, $1.

"Out to Old Aunt Mary's." By James Whitcomb Riley. Illustrated by Howard Chandler Christy. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Company. Price, $2.

A Christmas poem by our Hoosier poet, in that language of boyhood which all our hearts understand, though we never heard a real boy use "ist" and "of!" Riley's rich humor is at its rarest in this poem, which tells how Pa had to go to town on the day before Christmas to attend to a lawsuit, while Uncle Sid stayed with the children and showed them how to roast 'taters, and helped them set up the Christmas tree, and told them

> How corn's popped, long years ago,
> When me an' Santy Claus wuz boys
> On Pap's old place in Illinoise!

Santa Claus is coming to their place tonight, says Uncle Sid, and that's why Pa was so put out at having to go to town. Sure enough, Santa does come with his jingling sleigh-bells and enters with a gust of snow—

> 'Till little Lee-Bob shriek' at Ma,
> "There's Santy Claus!—I know him by
> His big white muffstash!" an' ist cry
> An' laugh, an' squeal, an' dance, an' yell—
> Till, when he quiet down a spell,
> Old Santy bow an' th'ow a kiss
> To him—an' one to me an' Sis—
> An' nen go clos't to Ma an' stoop
> An' kiss her—An' nen give a whoop
> That fainted her!—'Cause when he bent
> An' kiss her, he ist backed an' went
> Wite 'ginst the Chris'mus-Tree ist where
> The candle's at Lee-Bob lit there!

Santa Claus is in a blaze at once, and Uncle Sid has to put him out and roll him in the snow. They save him from serious damage, though he's badly singed, so the children are put to bed. In the morning they hear of yet another misfortune, for

> shore enough;
> Pa's nose is froze, an' salve an' stuff
> All on it—an' one hand's froze too,
> An' got a old yarn red-and-blue
> Mit on it—"An' he's froze some more
> Acrost his chest, an' kindo' sore
> All roun' his dy-fram," Uncle say.

The poem is beautifully illustrated by C. M. Relyea and Will Vawter. It seems like gilding refined gold to make pictures to Riley's poems, but there's no reason for refraining because they don't need it, so artists and publishers evidently think. Howard Chandler Christy has again made a series of illustrations for a favorite Riley poem—this time it's that touching Odyssey of boyhood, "Out to Old Aunt Mary's." It is one of the most artistic gift books of the season, although one is somewhat shocked at seeing a Christy girl with a low-cut V corsage hovering as an angel at the foot of Aunt Mary's deathbed.

An Idyl of the Mississippi.

"The River's Children." By Ruth McEnery Stuart. New York: The Century Company. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 179 pages, illustrated. Price, $1.

What Mary E. Wilkins is to New England life, Ruth McEnery Stuart is to that of Louisiana. The South has many chroniclers—Thomas Nelson Page, Joel Chandler Harris, George W. Cable are but three in a score—and even the delta of the Mississippi has its special group of writers, but Mrs. Stuart's pictures of Creole and Negro life, with their intensely human humor and pathos, stand almost alone. She is not a great creative artist; Napoleon Jackson and the rest are not master figures of literature like Don Quixote or Falstaff, but the note she sounds rings true. She is no skilled deviser of plots; "The River's Children" meanders along without apparent purpose, almost like the Mississippi itself, of which the story is a reflection. A father who had gone to the war, been wounded and lingered for months in northern hospitals, returns to find his family swept away, but his baby daughter in the care of a faithful old black couple. That is well-nigh all the story. But the kindly philosophy and sunshiny humor of it! "Use yo' fo'sight an' 'stid o' you seein' chips, you'll see kindlin'-wood," says old Israel. Perhaps the best thing in the little volume is his account of the baby's baptismal experiences in various denominations;

> "So she's bounteously baptized—yas, sir. I reasoned it out dat ef dey's only one true baptism, an' I warn't to say shore which one it was, I better git 'em all, an' only de onlies' true one would count; an' den ag'in, ef all honest baptisms is good, den de mo' de merrier, as de Book say. Of co'se I knowed pyore rain-water sprinkled on wid a blessin' coudn't hurt no chile."

Bliss Carman's Prose Essays.

"The Kinship of Nature." By Bliss Carman. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 303 pages. Price, $1.50.

There is a spirit in Bliss Carman's prose akin to Emerson's, although Carman's thought is less concrete; there is also a spirit akin to Maeterlinck's, although Carman's thought is less mystical. He manages to say things we all knew in a way that makes us think we hear them for the first time, and to say things no one can know in a way that makes us think we always realized them. "We shall never be happy as angels until we are healthy as animals," is a truism, yet here it does not ring trite. "There is only one way in the world to be distinguished. Follow your instinct! Be yourself and you'll be somebody!" That sounds plausible, and yet is impossible, dangerous at any rate—perhaps Mr. Carman was following his instinct when he wrote of Keats' Meg Merrilies. Mr. Carman's philosophy is persuasive, not always convincing; novel, yet rarely ever new; vigorous, without being essentially vital. He is least satisfactory as a thinker; most satisfactory in the epic mood, picturing some action, as a poet—so when he tells us that

> The spirit, too, has its moving-days and its times of house-cleaning, as well as the body. For months and years we may be dependents on some great spiritual teacher, Carlyle or Arnold or Newman, or one of the ancients. We go in and out, and carry on our daily subsistence, as tenants of his philosophy, secure in his sheltering thought. But some fine May morning along comes a gust of fancy and persuades us to move. We find ourselves dissatisfied with the old lodgings and set out to seek for new; or perhaps in racing down some unexpected street we have come upon a domicile that took our eye. Plato can detain us no longer; we are going to become retainers of Aristotle. So the spirit passes from one master to another, from one abiding-place to the next on the long quest for a perfect dwelling.

Dr. Van Dyke's Poems.

"Music, and Other Poems." By Henry Van Dyke. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 116 pages. Price, $1.

The influence of Keats is strong in Dr. Van Dyke's new book of verse. Such phrases as "the fever and the fret," and "bid me rise and walk awhile with thee," sound almost like echoes of the wonderful odes. But in "Dance Music" and "The Symphony" there is hardly a trace of any outside inspiration. The ode to "Victor Hugo," the prayer to "The God of the Open Air," are clear and noble strains. The gem of the volume, perhaps, is the fine sonnet "Work:"

> Let me but do my work from day to day,
> In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
> In roaring market-place or tranquil room;
> Let me but find it in my heart to say,
> When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
> "This is my work—my blessing, not my doom;
> Of all who live, I am the one by whom
> This work can best be done in the right way."
> Then shall I see it not too great, nor small,
> To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
> Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,
> And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
> At eventide, to play and love and rest,
> Because I know, for me my work is best.

More Misdemeanors of Nancy.

"Nancy's Country Christmas." By Eleanor Hoyt. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 224 pages. Price, $1.50.

Our dainty Lady of the Misdemeanors makes her farewell bow in this book. She is the same charming irresponsible Nancy who said, speaking of matrimony: "My New Hampshire head keeps my Kentucky heart from running away with me, and my Kentucky heart keeps my New Hampshire head from reasoning me into marriage for revenue only." The opening story deals delicately with an embarrassing situation resulting from a mistake. "In Oklahoma" gives some account of a red-haired girl who must have been at least cousin to Nancy. "The Little God and the Machine" is a piquant episode of a lovers' quarrel and a double automobile accident. In "The Vanishing Boarder" Nancy reappears, and in "Gowns and a Gobolink" the imperturbable Bobby. The last story of all, "Women Are Made Like That," is a satiric bit of psychology that Alphonse Daudet might have penned. We had hoped to see Nancy's misdemeanors punished by matrimony ere bidding her good-by, but since it is not to be, so be it. After all, who had been worthy of Nancy?

A Volume for Art Lovers.

"The Art of the Louvre." By Mary Knight Potter. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co. 418 pages, illustrated. Price, $2.

The picture gallery of the Louvre, containing almost 3,000 works, is undoubtedly the first in the world. Other galleries have greater individual treasures, like the Apollo Belvedere, the Sistine Madonna, Michelangelo's Moses, or the Laocoon, but none can compete with the Louvre in the richness and variety of its general collection. Nearly all the great masters of all the schools are represented; here is Leonardo's Mona Lisa, the most famous portrait of the world; here is Raphael's Belle Jardiniere, his most beautiful Madonna; here are hundreds of canvases that a king's ransom could not buy. Miss Potter's book, after telling the history of the ancient palace and its collection, gives an account of the paintings—comprehensive enough for all ordinary purposes; had it been complete the book would have space for little more than a catalogue of titles. The book does not claim originality, but is a judicious compilation of the best critical opinion. Such as it is, however, it ranks among the most satisfactory volumes on the Louvre accessible in English, and in its gorgeous yet tasteful binding, with its many splendid reproductions of masterpieces, will be prized by every lover of art.

From the "Narrer Neck o' Land."

"Cape Cod Folks." By Sarah P. McL. Greene. Boston: DeWolfe, Fiske & Co. 337 pages, illustrated. Price, $1.50.

Twenty years have passed since "Cape Cod Folks" made its first appearance, and hundreds of novels dealing with the same phases of life have come and gone, yet this book, written when its author was only 23, has held its own with wonderful vitality like Miss Cummins' "Lamplighter." The reason is doubtless, as Emma E. Brown points out in an introduction to this new holiday edition, because Mrs. Greene wrote of things she knew intimately from childhood. Another reason, apparent without pointing out, is that she did not write with an eye on a publisher; her story came from within. The new edition is enriched with many illustrations from photographs and drawings, and a photogravure portrait of the author at the time of writing the story.

Lessons in German.

"Kayser and Monteser's Brief German Course." By C. F. Kayser and Frederick Monteser. New York: American Book Company. 363 pages. Price, $1.20.

This introductory German course, comprising grammar, exercises, reading and conversation, provides drill in pronunciation, memorizing and frequent repetition of easy colloquial sentences; drill in the rudiments of grammar, easy sentences designed to fix in mind the forms and principles of grammar and to cultivate readiness in the natural forms of expression; exercises in word formation leading to the acquisition of a vocabulary, and the reading of graded and connected selections in prose and poetry. It seems admirably adapted to high school classes or private students.

Sylvanus Stall's Book Reissued.

"What a Young Man Ought to Know." By Sylvanus Stall, D. D. Philadelphia: Vir Publishing Company. 278 pages, illustrated. Price, $1.

"What a Young Man Ought to Know" has proved most popular of Dr. Stall's books on avoided subjects. The burning enthusiasm of Dr. Stall's warning words in this book has aroused thousands of young men to their peril and saved multitudes from a wrecked and debased life. Into the chapters of this revised edition, printed in clear cut type, Dr. Stall puts the mature wisdom gained from correspondence and contact with young men in every section of the globe and from research into medical literature.

Memories of Olden Days.

"My High School Days." By George T. Fleming. Pittsburgh. 257 pages, illustrated.

Mr. Fleming has written a rare book of reminiscences that will be of great interest to old Pittsburghers, especially old pupils of the Central High school. "Flem" was graduated in 1871, one year before the school moved into its lofty quarters, and his references to old Pittsburgh life and landmarks are pregnant with memories and associations, supplemented as they are by many pictures of buildings that are no more. In a way the volume is a complete history of the High school in its early days, with addenda bringing it up to date.

A Little Tale by Ralph Connors.

"Gwen." By Ralph Connor. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company. 94 pages. Price, 75 cents.

A little idyl by Ralph Connor will be hailed with delight by all who know "Black Rock" and "The Sky Pilot." Gwen is a wild and self-willed mountain fay, whose taming is portrayed with genuine pathos. The author preaches more than is his wont, but it must be remembered that he's a preacher. As a golden mean between fiction and devotional gift books, this tale fills a place all its own.

Some New Publications.

Wordsworth is the latest addition to Houghton, Mifflin & Co.'s Cambridge edition of the poets.

President Roosevelt's book, "The Strenuous Life," has been issued in Italy under the title "Vigor di Vita."

A Variorum edition of the works of Beaumont and Fletcher is to be published in 12 volumes by the Macmillan Company.

A new book by Zangwill, entitled "The Celibates' Club," will be published by Macmillans next spring. The title sounds like a sequel to "The Bachelor's Club" and "The Old Maid's Club."

Harpers are publishing a new edition of Mark Twain's complete works, consisting of 23 volumes and called the Hillcrest edition. It will include a biographical criticism by Brander Matthews.

The Centenary edition of Emerson, which Houghton, Mifflin & Co. now have complete in 12 volumes, contains a large amount of hitherto unpublished material. Among this new matter are seven addresses by Emerson, five essays and 17 poems.

Oscar Fay Adams has completed the revision of his "Dictionary of American Authors," and it will shortly be issued by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Over 1,200 new names of writers have been included, bringing up the total to almost 10,000 names.

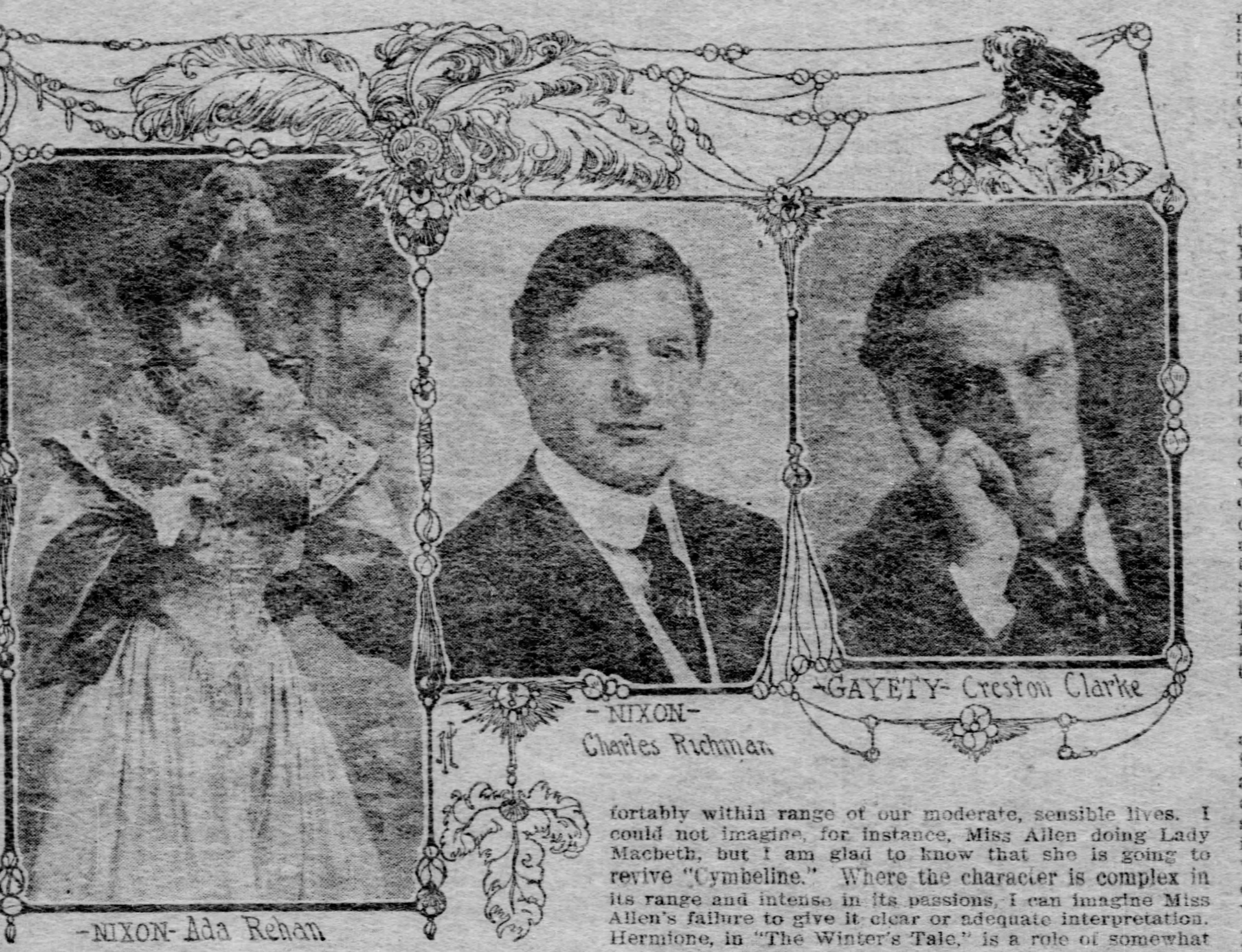
Owen Johnson, the author of "Arrows of the Almighty," which Joel Chandler Harris called "the strongest first book that has been produced in this country for many years," has written a new novel, "In the Name of Liberty," which the Century Company will bring out soon after the new year.

Following on the success of their two comparatively new magazines The World's Work and Country Life in America, Doubleday, Page & Co. now announce a third. The "Garden Magazine," as it is to be called, will be confined strictly to gardening subjects. The first number, for February, published at 10 cents a copy, is to appear January 14.

"Monkey Shines," by Bolton Hall, is published by the A. Wessels Company, with 22 illustrations by Leon Foster Jones. The volume is made up of little stories for little people, and they are kept in childhood's key throughout. Youngsters under 10 will find such romances as "The Bark That Bit" or "All His Own," the story of a little boy and a whole box of oranges, intensely absorbing. Each of the stories has its little moral too, obvious without being obtrusive. It is a good and clever book of its kind.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

By Charles M. Bregg



-NIXON- Ada Rehan

-NIXON- Charles Richman

-GAYETY- Creston Clarke

IN SOME particulars the past week has been one of the most interesting of the present season in the local theaters. There were at least three very excellent examples of dramatic intelligence on view, while the Bijou varied its strenuous type of melodrama for a character study that had in it elements of artistic excellence, and in vaudeville a little singing girl revealed a voice of striking beauty and sweetness. Such conditions are unusual in these latter days of the theater. Of course, one must regard with reasonable consideration the fact that it is much more difficult nowadays to maintain a uniformly high standard in all grades of stage entertainment than it was a decade ago. Tastes are more diversified and have undergone a decided change. Standards of mere stage adornment have been elevated, more theaters are in existence and more people are crowding into the profession for reasons that make it difficult to secure good talent always. One of the favorite retorts of the manager who is resentful of unfavorable comment is that the layman or even the writer on dramatic topics is unfair in his criticisms because he doesn't know the difficulties. Of course it is not the layman's business to know the difficulties under which the theatrical managers labor, any more than that he should know the inside workings of his tailor shop or his baker's kitchen. What he wants is results. But I believe the honest writer on dramatic topics will take the pains to know something of the difficulties beyond the asbestos curtain, and allow that knowledge to temper his judgment and criticism.

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When I say, therefore, that Pittsburgh theatrical entertainment could hardly present uninterruptedly such excellent things as "The Winter's Tale," "Marta of the Lowlands" and William Bramwell's excellent portrayal, or Gertrude Swiggett's character study, I am stating a condition governed by insuperable obstacles. The trouble is that the number of weeks in a season in which there is either mediocrity or inadequate repetition of the same old thing is so large, and by comparison with the good weeks so overwhelmingly in the majority, that the joy over the one good week is proof of a general disarrangement in the normal stage output. I am just as glad to be able to write flatteringly of stage performances as the projectors of those performances are to see such notices. It is much more pleasant and far less beset with responsibility to praise than to blame, but the function of criticism contains a sound, practical business element that cannot be disregarded, though it is by no means the most important consideration. Every large retail business store, every bank and financial institution, and even the owners of theaters themselves, have men employed who fulfill this function of criticism. They do the "selecting" for the firm's public. They are called "buyers" in the stores, "credit men" in the banks and "managers" in the theaters. The duty of these men is to separate the good from the bad or the merely indifferent, always with reference to the welfare and profit of the firms by which they are employed. In one of its aspects art criticism possesses the same element of honest service, only in the latter instance one's real responsibility is in behalf of the public, non-experts in every case and easily deluded into taking the spurious for the genuine.

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In genuineness the offerings at several of the theaters last week were several degrees above the average. The more I saw of Miss Allen's fine enactment of the dual role in "The Winter's Tale" the more I was convinced of the commanding talents of that young woman. Not that Miss Allen is superlatively a great actress. Her gifts are not eagle pinions on which she mounts to great histrionic altitudes. Rather is her character interpretation comfortably within range of our moderate, sensible lives. I could not imagine, for instance, Miss Allen doing Lady Macbeth, but I am glad to know that she is going to revive "Cymbeline." Where the character is complex in its range and intense in its passions, I can imagine Miss Allen's failure to give it clear or adequate interpretation. Hermione, in "The Winter's Tale," is a role of somewhat tragic demand, but the part is easily within Miss Allen's reach because of the simple, straightforward sincerity and honesty of the wronged wife's character. She plays the part with admirable finesse and repression. It is intensely human and womanly, thus confirming the opinion offered above that Miss Allen's chief charm lies in being able to give one the comfortable impression of familiarity with the mental processes and the heart throbs by which the wronged Hermione reaches the climax of her grief and despair. Of course, the dramatist is primarily responsible for this character delineation. Shakespeare is infinitely great in this power to draw back the curtain and give us profound views of human pain or human joy. But as Hermione Miss Allen shows a fine skill in supplementing this illuminative genius.

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As Perdita Miss Allen displays the range of her versatility. In the forest scene her buoyancy is one of the most vitally charming and well sustained pieces of mimicry I have ever seen. The demand is very great at this point in the play. The exhibition of physical and youthful vivacity is in itself a great strain upon the nervous energy, aside from the necessarily delicate character illusion that must be maintained. It is capitally wrought out by the actress and has hardly a jarring note in the entire gamut of its rollicking innocence and idyllic romance. I rejoice that Miss Allen contemplates "Cymbeline" in her next revival. She has shown such intelligence in the classics that this progressive step in the creation of a really great Shakespearean repertoire would seem to be the natural sequence to her Viola and Hermione and Perdita. In the support of the actress I think Mr. Henry Jewett stands easily first. His Leontes was perhaps a little immobile and stauesque at times, but it was exceedingly strong and virile in its reflection of emotions. Manliness, kingly dignity and the powerful sway of unreasoning jealousy were commingled in the characterization in admirable proportion. Next to Mr. Jewett, Miss Zeffie Tilbury's Paulina was a clear-voiced, intelligent portrayal. Mr. Currier would possibly have realized much from the role of Autolycus had he been given a chance, but the part was cut to almost insignificant proportions. In its equipment this revival showed rare display of liberal expenditure. Scenically it was always rich and beautiful, if not always historically appealing. There was a decidedly modern spirit in some of the stage pictures, notably the vista scene in the last act, which was considerably more Parisian of the twentieth century than Sicilian of any century. These anachronisms have come to be so much a part of our modern Shakespearean revivals that they attract little attention, largely because of the compensating richness and fulness of the appeal that is made to the eye.

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In two other respects, at least, the past week was a conspicuous advance over several that had preceded it in the way of intelligent amusement. The stock company at the Alvin was brought into a dramatic atmosphere more fully in harmony with the possibilities of that talented organization. Not that the stock actors realize very deeply the character studies that have been so finely drawn by the Spanish dramatist. The play of emotions was on the surface nearly all the time, a defect largely due to the limited time given for preparation and study on the part of a company playing twice a day and rehearsing continuously a new play. My view of the performance later in the week found much of this uncertainty and superficiality remedied. Mr. Paulding was convincing from the first as Sebastian. Mr. Courtenay's Manelich improved wonderfully, while Miss Kennark's Marta was earnest and sympathetic, if a little wavering in its deeper emotional moments, showing a tendency to melodramatic effusiveness. Mr. McVay's Tomas was finely executed, a ripened and seasoned bit of character study. But there is hardly occasion for adverse criticism of a performance that as a whole reflected so much of worthy endeavor. The play is one full of shadows, but it is good, strong dramatic food. I can only hope that the stock company will be allowed many chances to revive these dramas of intelligent appeal. The audiences during the week were not what they ought to have been.

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The other gratifying thing in the past week's bill was the extremely pleasing impression made by Mr. William Bramwell in the Victor Mapes play at the Gayety. Mr. Bramwell was a stranger to Pittsburghers, but it is only fair to say that in some particulars he played the Mapes dual role with more vital buoyancy than did Charles Richman. Richman is an actor of sounder artistic equipment, but Mr. Bramwell gave the part a greater dash and differentiated the characters more vividly and really. It is, however, unfortunate that Mr. Bramwell continues to play the part of Washington. Not that the small bit is badly done, but it mars the continuity of the illusion and cheapens the performance from its artistic side. Mr. Bramwell's supporting company, too, was weak in all but one or two instances. Miss Calhoun, who played Ruth Langdon, is an actress of capable charm. I do not see why, in a performance the leading features of which are so artistically accomplished, managers should so frequently substitute noisy amateurs in order to profit more by the investment. The impression, a fine one, made by Mr. Bramwell's work is compromised, if not actually marred, by the awkwardness and crudeness of some of his assistants.

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I have devoted this unusual space to conditions that are no longer vital in their appeal because of the evidence they afford that the theater still has resources for sound and healthful entertainment other than mere slap-stick capers and broad burlesque, which may be satisfying sometimes as sauce, but which are exceedingly debilitating as a steady diet. An examination of the ante-holiday week bill signifies a purpose in one or two instances to continue the pleasant state of affairs that obtained last week. It has been some time since Pittsburgh saw Miss Ada Rehan. I do not believe that either Miss Rehan or her friends will recall her last visit with great pleasure. It was upon the occasion of her appearance in the secondarily interesting dramatization of the foibles of Nell Gwyn, a venture out of which the life and joy had been taken by the supreme success of Henrietta Crosman's impersonation. Besides this element of misfortune, the actress herself was struggling under a deeply depressing personal sorrow over the death of her life-long mentor and friend, Augustin Daly. Tomorrow evening at the Nixon Miss Rehan comes back to us rejuvenated in spirits and in familiar dramatic atmosphere. As a further reminder of Miss Rehan's palmy days, Mr. Charles Richman will be found in the roles played by him so often under the Daly guidance. Miss Rehan's repertoire for the week includes two plays in which she was long supreme, "The Taming of the Shrew" and "The School for Scandal." Both as Katherine in the Shakespearean play and as Lady Teazle in Sheridan's comedy Miss Rehan was once the recognized mistress of the subtle art that gave life and reality to these appealing stage women. In those old days of her triumphs under Daly, Mr. Richman shared many of the honors, so that the Nixon will this week turn to a very delightful page in the history of our native stage.

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The version of "The Taming of the Shrew," which for many years has been used on the stage in one form or another, is the version in three acts, made by Garrick, produced at the Drury Lane theater in London and published in 1756 under the name of "Katherine and Petruchio." In that version several scenes are omitted and transpositions of several parts are made from the original. An alteration of Garrick's play was long used by Edwin Booth, and was published in 1878, with a preface and notes by that diligent student and brilliant writer on dramatic topics, Mr. William Winter. Booth's version is in two acts, and has been adopted by several actors. Neither the Garrick nor the Booth book includes either the induction or the under-plot relative to the love of Hortensio and Bianca. The Sheridan comedy was first produced in London in 1777, with the famous Mrs. Abington as Lady Teazle. At the beginning of Miss Rehan's present season that fine old Wycherly comedy, "The Country Girl," was included in her repertoire, but the management found so much confusion in the public mind growing out of the use of the title by modern musical comedy writers that they were compelled to eliminate the play from Miss Rehan's list.

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At the Alvin theater a new (to Pittsburgh) military drama by a newspaper writer not unknown to Pittsburgh will have fine scenic production. "Sergeant James" is the title of the play and Mr. Eugene Walter is its author. The rather meager information I have on the subject indicates that the play has been elsewhere very successful. Creston Clarke, an actor of very fine character and attainments, will be seen at the Gayety in the Mansfield version of "Beaucaire." Mr. Clarke inherits histrionic genius and was a few years ago the creator of one of the best of our American Hamlets, which shows somewhat the range of his versatility. Mr. Clarke was last seen here with Miss Amelia Bingham. That monstrous commentary upon a revolting crime, "A Desperate Chance," will be at the Bijou. Manager Gulick's patrons would do him and the melodramatic stage a service by refusing to sanction further an exploitation of crude authorship and criminal offensiveness that never had other reason for existence than the avarice of its promoters. At the Empire the Yiddish drama will have a hearing. With vaudeville at the Grand, our young friend "Buster Brown" at the Duquesne and variety at the Academy the Pittsburgh seeker for amusement should be put in pretty good humor to enjoy his Christmas turkey.

Stage News and Gossip.

MISS ADA REHAN was born in 1860 at Limerick, Ireland. None of her progenitors had been connected with the playhouse, though her elder sisters were successful in that profession. The young woman made her debut in 1872 at Newark, N. J., in the well known melodrama, "Across the Continent," which served then and afterward as the vehicle for Oliver Doud Byron, now a member of the company supporting Miss Rehan. She evidenced so much talent in the piece that a family council was held and it was determined that she should be permitted to continue with histrionic work. Accordingly, in 1873, she appeared for the first time in New York at Wood's museum, which afterward became Daly's theater, in a comedy called "Thoroughbred." Throughout the next three seasons Miss Rehan was at the Arch street theater, Philadelphia, where she saw John Drew make his first bow to an audience. Subsequently she supported Edwin Booth, Adelaide Neilson, John McCullough, Mrs. Bowers, Lawrence Barrett, Edwin Adams and John T. Raymond.

Augustin Daly saw her act initially in 1877, when she was playing in David Garrick's version of "The Taming of the Shrew." He saw her again at the Grand opera house, New York, with Fanny Davenport in his own play, "Pique." The impression she made on his mind was great. In May, 1879, she acted under the direction of Mr. Daly for the first time. During the latter half of the following September she was seen on the stage of the theater then and now known as Daly's, impersonating Big Clemence in "L'Assomoir." From that time until the date of his death, some five years ago, Miss Rehan and Augustin Daly were inseparably connected, so that the record of their achievements is one. Rehan's best work has been done in the parts of Rosalind, Viola, Beatrice, Julia, Katherine, Lady Teazle and Peggy Thrift.

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The departure of Mr. William Courtenay from the Alvin stock company may result in a return, temporarily, to the stock starring system used by the company last spring, when Charles Richman was supported by the stock company. Should this arrangement be perfected, it is quite probable that Robert Hilliard, the well-known actor now in vaudeville, will be the leading man of the stock company for a period.

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Signor Leoncavallo's new opera, "Der Roland von Berlin," the production of which on Tuesday last at the Royal opera house was the feature of the operatic season in Berlin, is to be sung in New York before the end of the season. Arrangements were made today by Charles B. Dillingham to produce the opera next spring, with Miss Fritzi Scheff in the leading role.

An interesting feature about the forthcoming production is the fact that it was in one of Signor Leoncavallo's other operas, "I Pagliacci," that Miss Scheff won one of her greatest successes in grand opera.

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On account of the popularity of "Buster Brown" an extra special price matinee will be given at the Duquesne theater Friday, December 23.

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The play "On the Suwanee River" is booked for Christmas week at the Empire theater.

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William Courtenay will make his last appearance as leading man with the Alvin stock company this week, having been recalled by Mr. Frohman to assume the leading role in a new play by Augustus Thomas, which will be put forward shortly after the holidays. Friday night is set aside by the Alvin management as Mr. Courtenay's formal leave taking, when his many friends will have an opportunity to show their regard for him.

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There will be a very large number of companies idle this week—the usual bad week in the theatrical calendar. The old story about the week before Christmas still holds good. Managers prefer to keep their companies idle to play to beggarly business. At the same time, it affords the profession an opportunity to do Christmas shopping and it gives them a brief vacation, which comes conveniently on account of the hard work to follow, inasmuch as there is but one other interruption until the season comes to an end next April, and that is holy week.

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Ellis Jeffreys, the English actress, will come to America as a star next autumn. Alfred Sutro, who wrote "The Walls of Jericho," has agreed to write a play for her, and George C. Tyler, her manager, has bought the American rights for the new play written by Mme. Fred Gresac, with a role for Miss Jeffreys.

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Edward Terry will make his first American appearance in a Christmas day matinee on Monday, December 26, at the Lyric theater. The English comedian will appear in "The House of Burnside," which ran nearly a year in London, but has never been seen outside of England.

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It was given out last week that before the end of another season James K. Hackett and his wife, Mary Mannering, will be seen together as co-stars in the poetic tragedy "The Prayer of the Sword," which was produced at the Adelphi theater in London on December 19. It is a five-act drama by James Bernard Fagan, with the scenes laid in Andola, a small independent state—unknown to history—in the marshes of Italy in 1500. The leading part of Braccio Scorla was played by Oscar Asche in London, and Lily Brayton had the role of Maria Visconti, which Miss Mannering will play here. It calls for an immense production, inasmuch as there are several scenes in each act, and the cast is quite an extensive one.

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Florence Bindley has sent to the Actors' Fund $173.18, which she has collected nightly during one of the acts she has passed her tambourine, receiving on every occasion a large collection of nickels and small silver.

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Maude Fealy is announced as Sir Henry Irvin's leading lady for his American tour next season, and has postponed her own starring tour until after that favorable introduction.

—GRAND— Florence Fagan

—NEW ALVIN— Wilson Melrose

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Mr. Henry Kalken resigned from Miss Ada Rehan's company in Detroit.

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Death touches a responsive chord in the hearts of even the remote "big chiefs" of theaterdom. The sad death in the Allegheny hospital last week of a chorus girl of "The Mother Goose" company, brought from Klaw & Erlanger a prompt telegram to Manager Kirk of the Nixon, to have the body embalmed and sent to the New York home of the young woman at the expense of the employing company.

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Richard Mansfield confessed to an interviewer the other day that Ivan the Terrible is the most exacting role on his physical and emotional forces that he ever attempted. The fourth and fifth acts leave him in a state of almost nervous prostration.

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Manager Harry Davis has secured the services of Mr. George Mack, a brother of the well-known comedian, Andrew Mack, who will play the leading role in the big Christmas pantomime, "Around the World in Eighty Days." The part of Phineas Fogg in the Jules Verne drama, is one of the most unctuous comedy roles ever written and will afford Mr. Mack fine scope for his initial appearance in Pittsburgh. Mr. Mack has heretofore confined his engagements to New York city. He created the comedy role in Miss Virginia Earle's production of "Sergeant Kitty." He was the star in the comedy, "Bird Center" and also starred in "My Friend from India," and was featured in the Broadhurst comedies, "What Happened to Jones," "Why Smith Left Home," and "The Wrong Mr. Wright." Mr. Mack will supplant Mr. Dally as permanent comedian of the company.

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Mildred Morris, who plays the prince of Wales in Mansfield's "King Richard III," is a daughter of the late beloved and admired Felix Morris.

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The ladies on the executive committee of the Soho public baths, have arranged with Manager Davis for a benefit at the new Alvin theater, week commencing Monday, January 9, when the stock company will give a special production of Mrs. Langtry's former success, "The Crossways." Mr. Andrew Carnegie has assured the committee that he will send his check for double the amount realized at the benefit.

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The Junior Order United American Mechanics will have a benefit at the new Alvin theater next week, the proceeds of their sales of tickets going toward the erection of an Industrial school at the Orphans' home.

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Gertire McMilt, who is with "The Masqueraders" at the Academy this week, was last seen here in "McFadden's Row of Flats."

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Blanche Moulton, who for several seasons was associated with the late Fanny Davenport's greatest triumphs and whose work with Viola Allen in "The Palace of the King" will be pleasantly remembered, is with Creston Clarke at the Gayety this week.

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"David Harum" is a Gayety underline.

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"Ninety-and-Nine," Ramsey Morris' big melodrama, is coming to the Gayety soon.

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Richard Mansfield would appear to be a believer in heredity on the stage. Among the artists of his company are Mildred Morris, daughter of the late Felix Morris; Ernest Warde, son of the American actor, Frederick Warde, and Henry Wenman, son of the late Tom Wenman, one of the best known players on the English stage.

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When Sir Charles Wyndham first played David Garrick in London Harry Hamilton, a playwright, perpetrated a bon mot that caught the fancy of the town. One afternoon, during the run of the piece, Wyndham was sitting in the corridor of the Garrick club, under Garrick's portrait, in the Garrick chair, which is one of the club's treasures, when Hamilton entered. He gazed upon Wyndham, then upon the portrait of Garrick, and then upon Wyndham again.

"Charles," he said, finally, "do you know that you are growing more like Garrick every day?"

"Do you think so?" returned the actor with gratification. "Very glad, I am sure."

"Yes, indeed," proceeded Hamilton, thoughtfully, "and less like him every night."

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Ruth Peebles will be starred in a new musical production, "The Seminary Girl," under the patronage of M. B. Raymond. The play will take to the road December 26 and will be seen in Pittsburgh at an early date.

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"For His Brother's Crime" is the Christmas week attraction at the Bijou.

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Lord Byron is one of the possible roles from which Otis Skinner may make his choice for his next season's new play. Miss Rives has submitted to him a scenario of her romance, "The Castaway," of which Byron is the hero.

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Charles Richman, who is supporting Ada Rehan this season, will be starred by the Shubert Brothers next season in a dramatization of "Hypatia."

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Arrangements have been completed for a revival of "A Gilded Fool," with E. J. Ratcliffe as the star. The revival is meant for the road and will only be seen in the smaller cities.

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Henry Jewett, leading man with Viola Allen, was robbed of a jeweled watch, several pieces of jewelry and $200 in money while in St. Louis by a colored man who was admitted to his dressing room at the theater under the supposition that the proverbial glove.

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Nat C. Goodwin signed a contract last Tuesday to become a star under the management of Charles Frohman. The contract begins next September and runs three years. Mr. Goodwin will make his first appearance under the Frohman colors in the big London success, "The Beauty and the Barge," which is said to contain a character part that fits him like the proverbial glove.

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Ward and Yokes will be at the Duquesne Christmas week.

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Manager Frank Perley has completed arrangements to turn "The Little Minister" into a comic opera and will put it forward next fall with Viola Gillette in the star role. The title of the new opera will probably be "Lady Babbie."

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It is the intention of William A. Brady, along in the springtime, to revive "Trilby," the Paul Potter play. Mr. Brady will present the revival with virtually the entire original cast, and to that end he has already engaged Wilton Lackaye and is negotiating with Virginia Harned. Failing to obtain Miss Harned, Blanche Walsh will again play the part.

What We Once Saw; What We See Now.

This department will print from week to week parallel columns of what the local theaters offered five and ten years ago and what they offer now. Theatrical syndicates, big and little, are only about four years old. He who runs may read.

WEEK DEC. 17, 1894.	WEEK DEC. 19, 1898.	WEEK DEC. 19, 1904.
Duquesne—Otis Skinner.	Duquesne—J. H. Haverly's Minstrels.	Nixon—Ada Rehan.
New Grand—"The Power of Gold."	Grand—"In Spite of All."	Alvin—Stock Company.
Alvin—Hagenbeck's Trained Animals.	Bijou—Chauncey Olcott in "Sweet Inniscarra."	Gayety—Creston Clarke.
Bijou—Florence Bindley—"The Captain's Mate."	Alvin—"The King's Daughter."	Bijou—Decadent Melodrama.
East End—Davenport Bros. and Fay.	Academy—Moulin Rouge Extravaganza.	Empire—Dark.
Academy—Irwin Bros.' Big Show.		Duquesne—Musical Farce.
		Grand—Vaudeville.
		Academy—Variety.

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Programs for the Week

NIXON—Miss Ada Rehan in Repertoire.

Miss Ada Rehan, than whom no star visiting Pittsburgh may claim a more loyal following, will present at the Nixon theater two plays in which she has been declared to have no equal in the delineation of the dominant female roles, and which have added to her renown as a really great actress of comedy—"The Taming of the Shrew" and "The School for Scandal." In the former, which is to be presented on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings and at the Saturday matinée, Miss Rehan will be seen in her matchless characterization of Katherine, admittedly the most turbulent of the heroines of Shakespeare, in which she has appeared more than 500 times in Shakespeare, in the principal cities of this country and in the capitals of Europe as well. To have seen the Katherine of Miss Rehan is to declare

ourselves familiar with the best that natural aptitude, infinite pains and study and careful regard to the precepts of a great master can give to the embodiment of a remarkable role. And the Lady Teazle of Miss Rehan in "The School for Scandal," while in many respects exactly the opposite of Katherine, is no less an impersonation upon which she places the stamp of her bewitching individuality, and colors the picture with the dainty graces of her consummate art. Miss Rehan is this season especially fortunate in having with her a leading man not only gifted by nature to an unusual degree, but whose rapid rise to a high place in his profession has been the result of unusual proportions, which he has taken full advantage of, for Mr. Richman has been a commanding figure on the American stage these several years, and counts a host of friends in Pittsburgh. The supporting company seems to have been selected with unusual care.

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ALVIN—"Sergeant James."

Some idea of the merit of "Sergeant James," which is the play at the new Alvin theater this week, may be gained from the fact that the New York critics proclaimed it to be the best military play yet written. This is strong indorsement, in view of such plays as "Shenandoah," "Held By the Enemy" and "The Girl I Left Behind Me." "Sergeant James" had a long and prosperous run in New York city last season, but the present is the first opportunity Pittsburgh playgoers have had to see it. The piece will employ the full strength of the Harry Davis stock company, and Stage Director Huffman will give it a very effective scenic environment. It is the maiden effort of Mr. Eugene Walter, a well-known Philadelphia newspaper man. It is described as "a romance of the enlisted man" and in some respects is wholly unlike most military plays. In the older and better known plays, such as "Shenandoah," the officers and men are generally seen attending the more strenuous duties of soldiery. Battles are fought, orderlies rush here and there, and an attempt is made to depict the exciting incidents of military life. In "Sergeant James" the author has attempted to give a picture of the home life of the enlisted man. He has tried to give a glimpse of the stable quarters of a cavalry camp as they actually exist. The author served four years in the regular army as an enlisted man, and consequently, was in a position to supervise the staging of those acts which have to do with military life in such a manner as to admit of the closest scrutiny by the most hypercritical. The piece is spoken of as full of bright color contrast. The engagement possesses additional interest from the fact that it will serve as a benefit for the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. The proceeds of their sales of tickets will go toward the erection of the Industrial school at the Orphans' home.

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GRAND—VAUDEVILLE.

The Fadettes women's orchestra of Boston will be the headliner at the Grand opera house next week. This is conceded to be the leading musical organization composed of women in the world. It was organized about 10 years ago by Caroline B. Nichols, the present director, and since that time it has played in every large city in the country. Will H. Murphy, Blanche Nichols and company, will produce here for the first time, "From Zaza to Uncle Tom" which is said to be the laughing hit of vaudeville. It is repiete with funny lines, ludicrous situations. Charles H. Burke, Grace Larue and the Inky Boys, a genuinely humorous comedy team, will present their sketch, "The Silver Moon," which includes comedy, singing and dancing. Hill and Silvani will introduce their astounding unicycle spectacle, which is one of the striking novelties of the season. The refined comedy and acrobatic specialty of the LaVine Cameron trio will be a diverting feature, as will Mr. and Mrs. Allison, in the sketch, "Minnie From Minnesota." Adamina and Taylor will introduce theri attractive snigïng specialty, while Herbert Brooks will present his great trunk mystery, assisted by Carrie Hill. Lillian Mills and Elida Morris, the "blackface minstrel girls," and Ada Arnoldson, the "Swedish Nightingale," will also contribute. Florence Fagan, the young Pittsburgh actress, will be an added attraction, presenting here for the first time her dramatic monologue, "Chatterton," based on the life of Chatterton, the boy poet, by Will F. Clarke, of this city and formerly connected with a local newspaper.

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GAYETY—Creston Clarke in "Mons. Beaucaire."

There is a dual interest being manifested in the coming to the Gayety tomorrow for a week's engagement of Creston Clarke and "Monsieur Beaucaire," as both star and play are familiar and pleasurable to our theater constituency. Mr. Clarke has long since established himself in the cordial esteem of Pittsburgh amusement patrons, and has justly earned a position here among the most highly honored actors of the more serious school. However, he has several times demonstrated his versatile qualities, and more than once gave unmistakable evidence of his absolute capabilities to do the fullest justice to that delicious vein of comedy, which invariably appeals to the loftier sentiments of entertainment friends.

In "Monsieur Beaucaire," the comedy-romance so cleverly dramatized from Booth Tarkington's widely-read and generally approved novel, which Richard Mansfield made his piece of importance with no uncertain success, Mr. Clarke has landed a personal achievement quite in keeping with his numerous other emphatic triumphs. Aside from the many-sided human interests involved, the play contains many scenes and incidents of the most piquant comedy, while its dramatic ends are brought out in singularly vivid contrast.

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DUQUESNE—"Buster Brown."

At the Duquesne, "the home of comedy," Melville B. Raymond's musical comedy creation will continue, and tomorrow night ushers in the second and last week of what promises to be a most profitable engagement. "Buster Brown" is a vehicle in two acts of action with catchy music, new specialties and a wealth of pretty girls; beautiful scenery and effects. The action, of course, is centered around "Buster," who always has the audience in a roar of laughter, and as enacted by Master Gabriel, the diminutive comedian, is a treat local theatergoers should not overlook. Manager Raymond has provided an admirable supporting company. Prominent in the cast are George Ali(whose animal impersonations are well known; Ross Snow, a comedian of much worth; Al Lamare, Bobby North, the Five Nosses, Emma Francis and her whirlwind assistants, Mohammed and Brahim, and La Belle Dazie, an eccentric toe dancer. An extra matinee will be given on Friday.

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BIJOU—"A Desperate Chance."

"A Desperate Chance," is the offering at the Bijou theater this week. Since last here the play has been equipped with new scenery, all of which was painted from the life scenes, and the company is composed of almost entirely new players. The leading part will be portrayed by Edwin Forsberg (formerly a member of the local stock company), who is well fitted for the part, both physically and as an actor. Forsberg has an excellent stage presence and is said to give a fine impersonation of the slain criminal. The play shows all of the important events in the closing days of the crime. The supporting company is said to be good and the play will have the best presentation it has possibly ever been given.

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EMPIRE THEATER.

This house because of an unforeseen accident to the company booked for this week, will be dark all week, but will open on Monday evening, Dec. 26, with "On the Suwance River."

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ACADEMY—"The Masqueraders."

With a plot that abounds in humorous incidents and mistaken identities, interpreted by comedians that are funny and actors that are capable, and with a chorus which is a setting for the whole of feminine charms and exquisite gowns, "The Masqueraders" will be the attraction at the Academy for this week, commencing with the usual Monday performance. It has always been conceded that the most exacting rules of criticism were never made for application to farces. They are a law unto themselves, and in construction "everything goes"—so long as it is amusing. Probability is not an essential in farce; if it is funny that is all that is necessary, and "The Masqueraders'" program more than fills the bill in that respect. A grand double bill of "Count No Account" and "A Trip to Coney Island" are the titles of a brand-new burlesque and a musical extravaganza, which will be the medium of introducing "The Gay Masqueraders." Both plays are of boisterous comedy with plots adapted to people suffering from that saddest of all ailments, the incapacity to laugh. Throughout the two bills there will be an olio of suitable and appropriate acts of vaudeville comedy, songs, dances, etc.

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AVENUE—Anna Eva Fay.

That any one could come to Pittsburgh and stay five weeks as the star of one theater, would have been deemed utterly impossible in Pittsburgh a couple of months ago. But since the advent of Anna Eva Fay the most uncompromising in this respect have been forced to change their views. Miss Fay came, saw, and conquered, and her stay has been prolonged from week to week, solely on account of business of such immense description that the management was literally forced to prolong the engagement.

There has not been a performance since Miss Fay went to the Avenue when all the people have seen her who wished to do so, and they have written so many and such urgent letters relative to a longer stay, in order that they might see the remarkable woman and ask her some important question, that it was decided to postpone other dates for a little while, and give Pittsburghers the advantage of Miss Fay's mysterious intellectual powers.

This attribute is described by some as being hypnotic, by others, telepathetic; others say that it is clairvoyance. Whatever it may be, it is well established that this power of transmission of thought does exist, and that it is by no means uncommon in races of the older parts of the world. In Hindustan, and in various parts of Africa, explorers and scientists who have resided there, have frequently reported remarkable instances of natives who were able to communicate over a distance of many miles by thought transmission. Certain scientists have lately come forward with the assertion that this mental capacity is in a state of more or less development in everyone.

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The first play based on Thomas W. Lawson's story of "Frenzied Finance," was produced in Toledo Monday, December 7, by the Dearborn Amusement Company. The title is "An American Princess," and it is from the pen of Henry Raeder. The cast includes John E. Kellerd, Mary Ryan, James E. Wilson, Ada Gilman, Mabel Aylward, George E. Probert, Norval McGregor and a dozen others.

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The five Nosses, who are with "Buster Brown," came originally from New Brighton, on the Ft. Wayne railroad, and many of their kinsmen still reside there. One of the daughters was recently married to a prominent business man of Allegheny and lives in that city.

Mme. Rejane in Wheeling.

For the first time in the history of theatricals in this country, the public in three large cities is called upon to journey to three smaller towns in the contiguous neighborhood in order to witness the performance of one of the world's most prominent stars. This condition of affairs will obtain next week with Mme. Rejane, the celebrated French actress. Madame's route, commencing Monday, December 9, is as follows: Indianapolis, December 19; Louisville, December, 20; Lexington, December 21; Dayton, December 22; Columbus, December 23; Wheeling, December 24 and then Montreal and Boston. Thus it will be seen that St. Louis, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh will not have an opportunity to witness the performance of Rejane. The Indianapolis performance, therefore, will be advertised in the St. Louis papers the Columbus performance in the Cincinnati papers and the Wheeling performance in the Pittsburgh papers; calling the attention of the people in St. Louis, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh to the fact that Rejane does not appear in their cities and for once it will be necessary for those who are imbued with the desire to see the great star to journey to Indianapolis, Columbus and Wheeling respectively. The local managers in each of the latter towns have made arrangements to lay aside a certain number of seats for their out-of-town visitors.

Madame Rejane.

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Clairesse Agnew, who died the other day as the wife of the millionaire railroad man, Daniel G. Reid, was in her time a source of jocund anxiety to the late Charles H. Hoyt, who said to her one day: "Clairesse, I'm going to give you a good part in my next piece, but you've got to cut out champagne. In fact, you'll have to give up drinking altogether." Clairesse looked up pertly and exclaimed: "Goodness, Gawdness, Mr. Hoyt, I can't eat all the time."

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Seat Sale Opens Thursday, December 22, at Hamilton's.

Mansfield's Engagement.

On Tuesday the advance sale of seats and boxes for Richard Mansfield's six productions at the Nixon next (Christmas) week, begins, instead of Thursday, as is the custom. The management are desirous to make it clear that there will positively be no advance in any part of the theater over Mr. Mansfield's former scale of prices. Mr. Mansfield will give a Christmas holiday matinee on Monday, when he will be seen here as "Beau Brummel." Monday night will see him as the Tzar Ivan, in "Ivan the Terrible." Tuesday night "Beau Brummel" will be repeated for the last time; Wednesday night Mr. Mansfield will be seen as Shylock, in a production of Shakespeare's comedy, "The Merchant of Venice;" Thursday, as the Baron Chevrial in "A Parisian Romance;" Friday, for the first time in 12 years, as Richard III. At the Saturday matinee "The Merchant of Venice" will be repeated and on Saturday night Mr. Mansfield will say farewell till 1907, as "Dr. Jeykll and Mr. Hyde."

Ward and Vokes Coming.

The second edition of "A Pair of Pinks," with Ward and Vokes, is the Christmas attraction at the Duquesne theater. These farceurs are well liked here and no matter what they may call their offering, it is sure to give satisfaction. "A Pair of Pinks" is an adroit mixture of seasonable song and plenty of fun. Ward and Vokes as the Pinks are as funny as ever, and as the Pink-erton detectives, in the second act, they are still funnier. The company numbers 60 people.

"Girls Will Be Girls."

This bright musical skit, with Al Leech and the Three Rosebuds, is the Christmas week attraction at the Gayety theater. W. A. Brady has given the piece a handsome setting.

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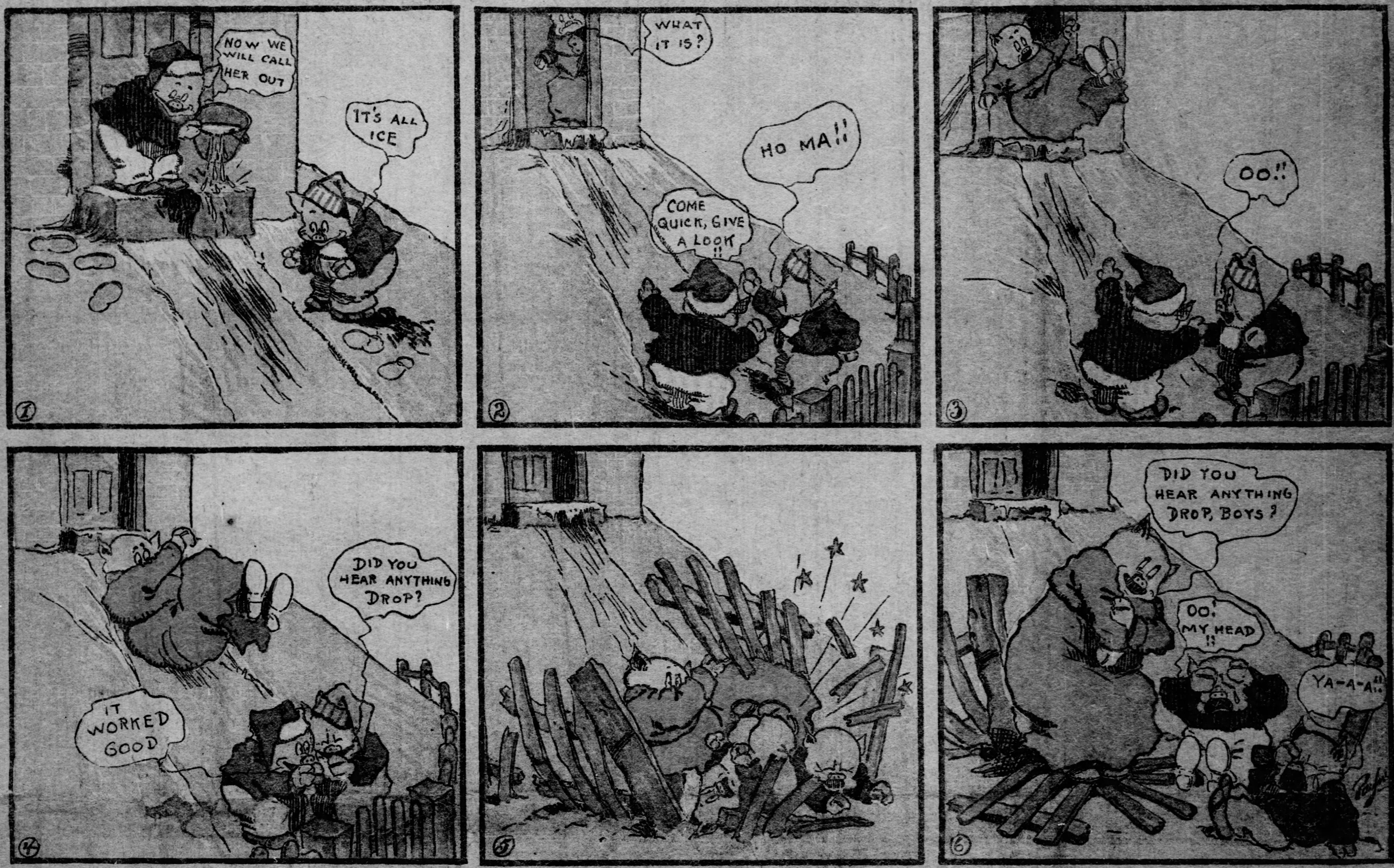

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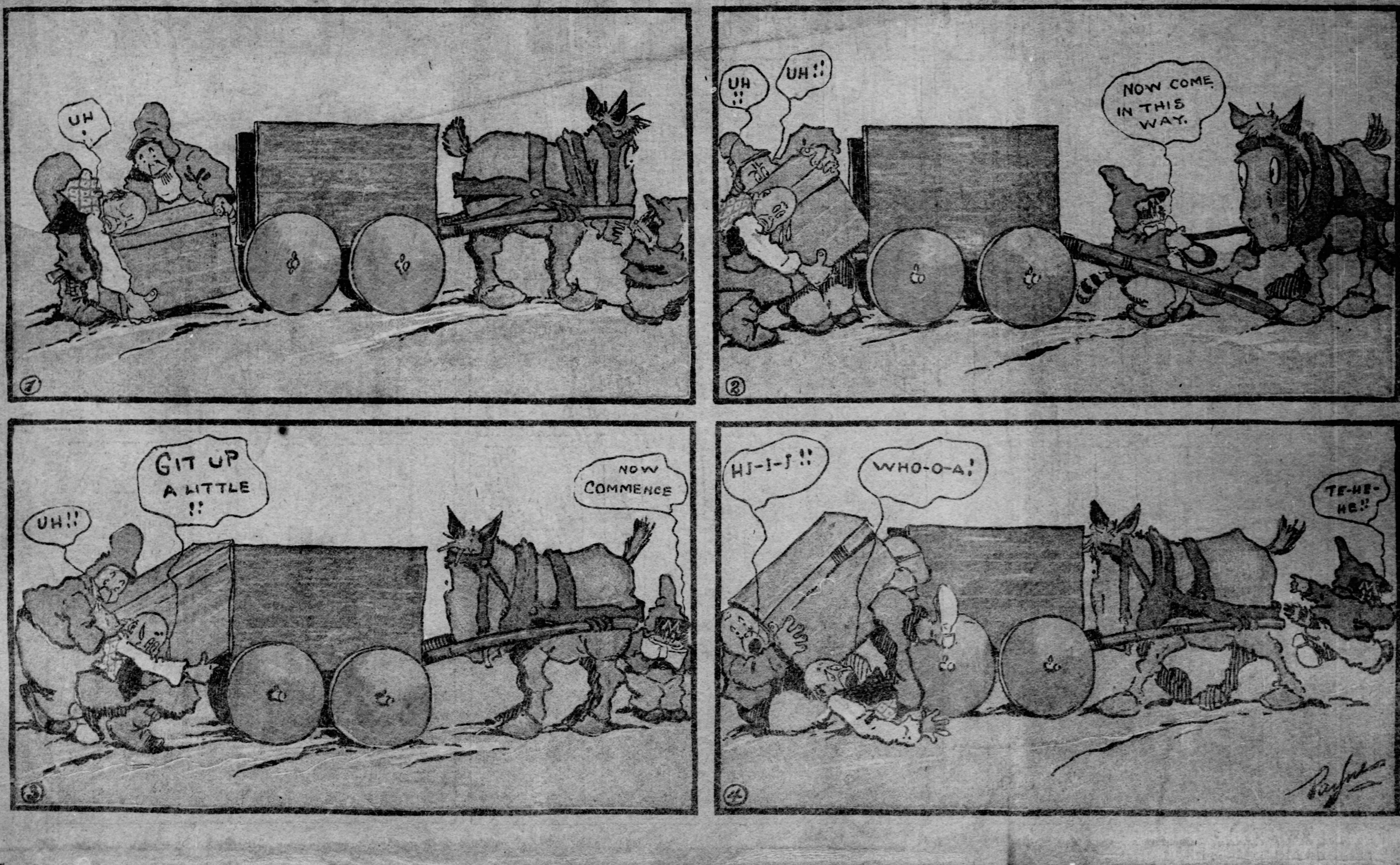

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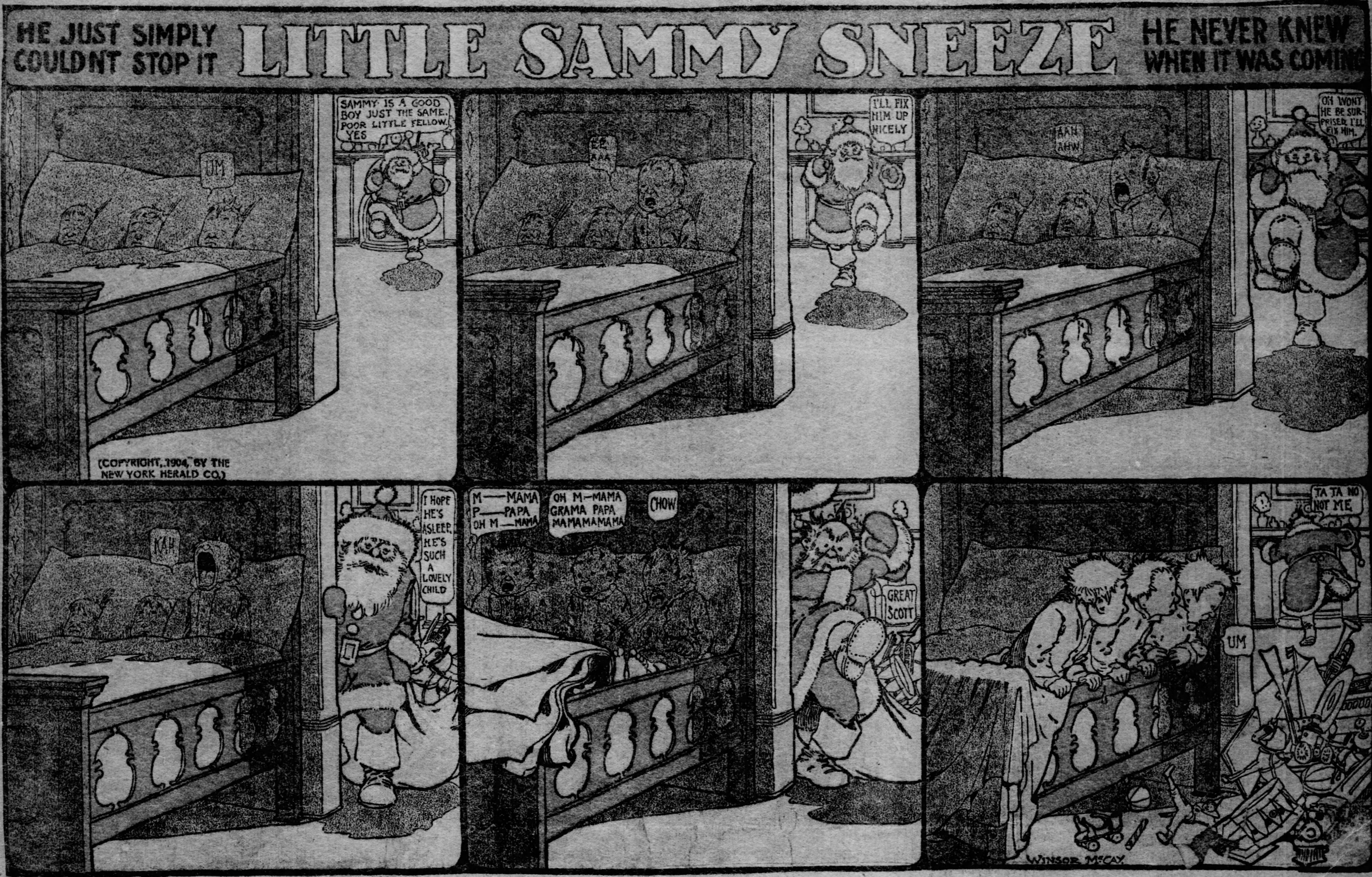

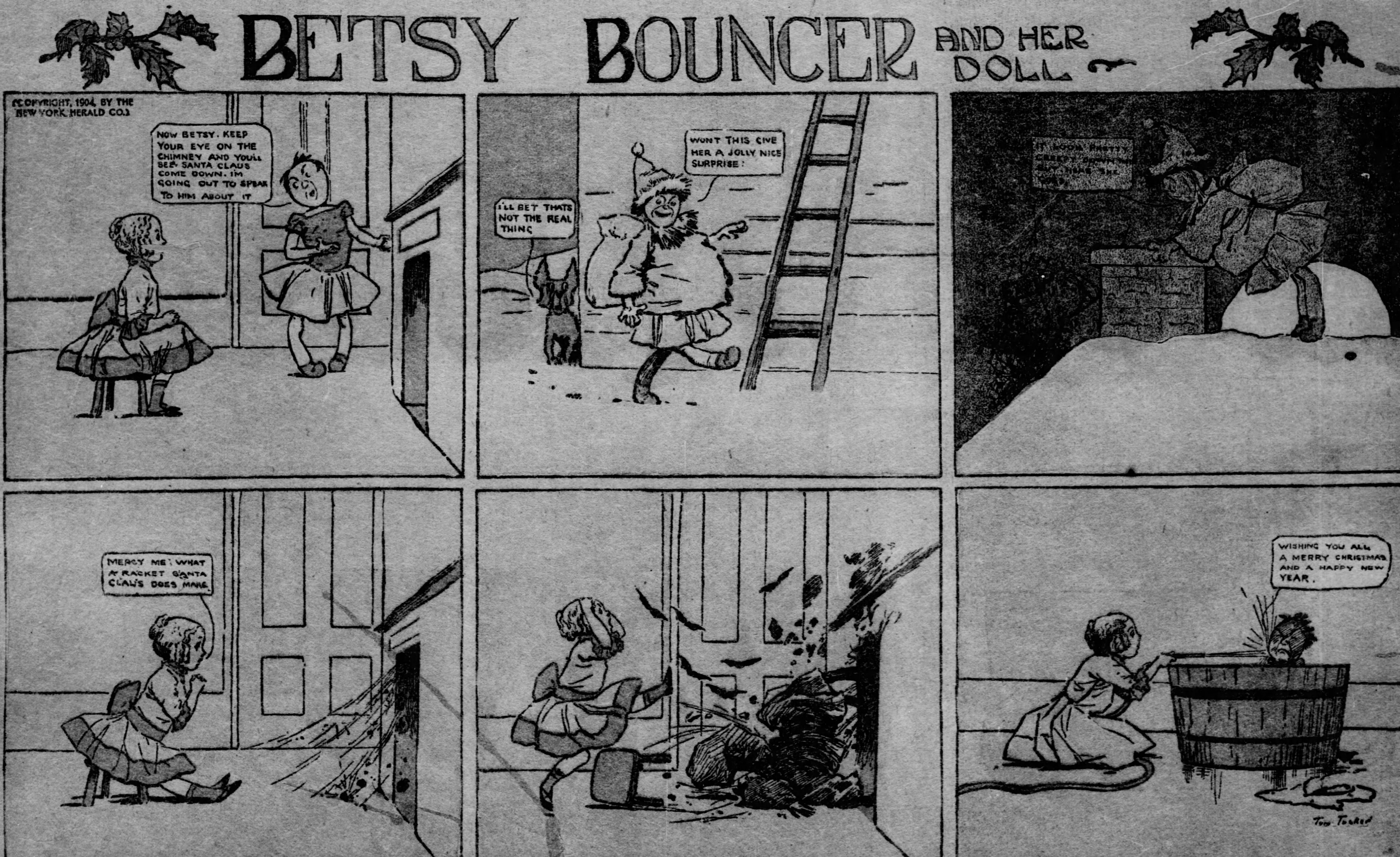

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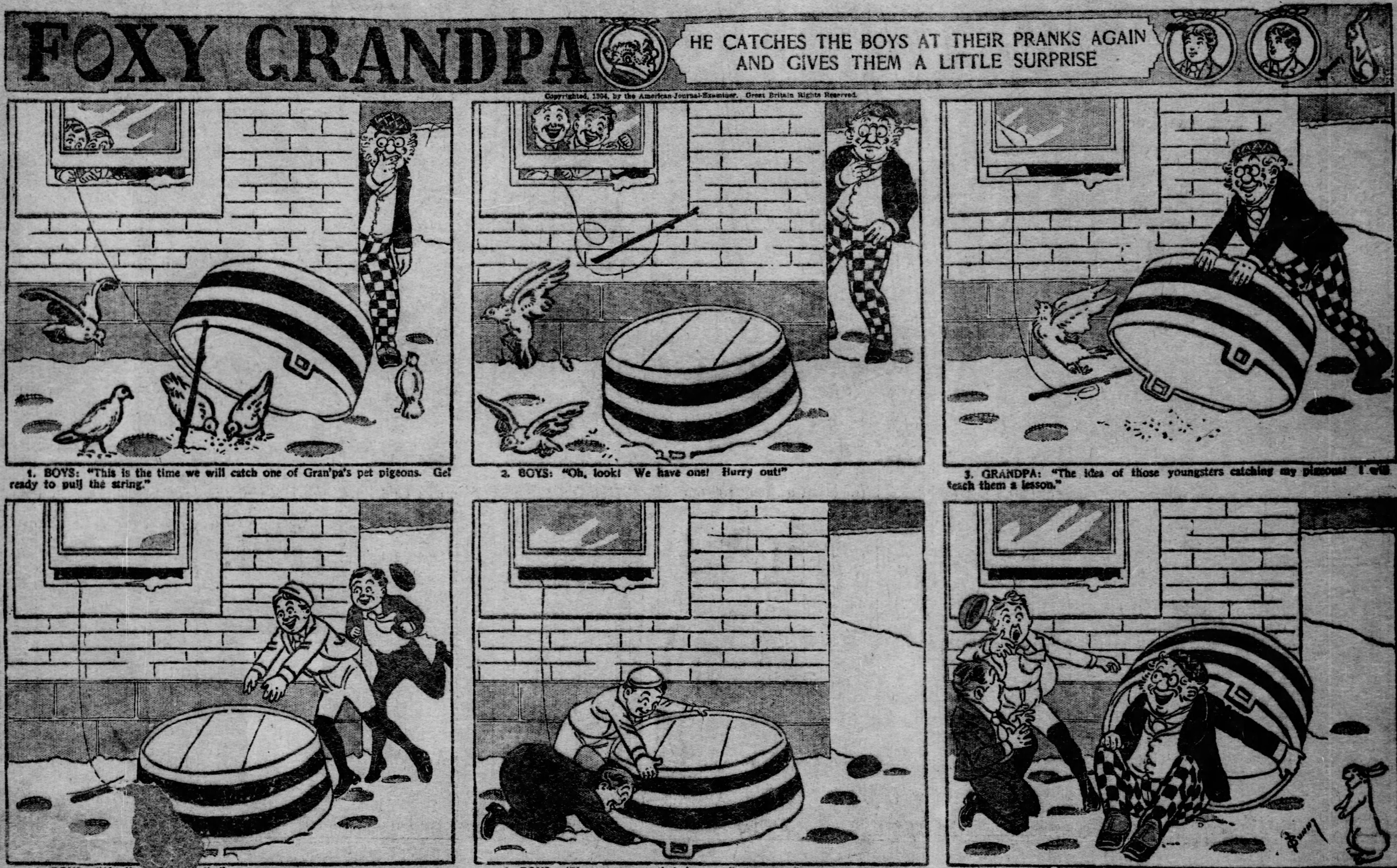

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1. BOYS: "This is the time we will catch one of Gran'pa's pet pigeons. Get ready to pull the string."

2. BOYS: "Oh, look! We have one! Hurry out!"

3. GRANDPA: "The idea of those youngsters catching my pigeons! I will teach them a lesson."

4. BOYS: "Ah, there, [illegible]ardie!"

5. BOYS: "Now easy, so that he won't get away."

6. GRANDPA: "Why, hello, boys, here you are! I was just looking for you."

JIMMY—HE HOLDS THE FORT!

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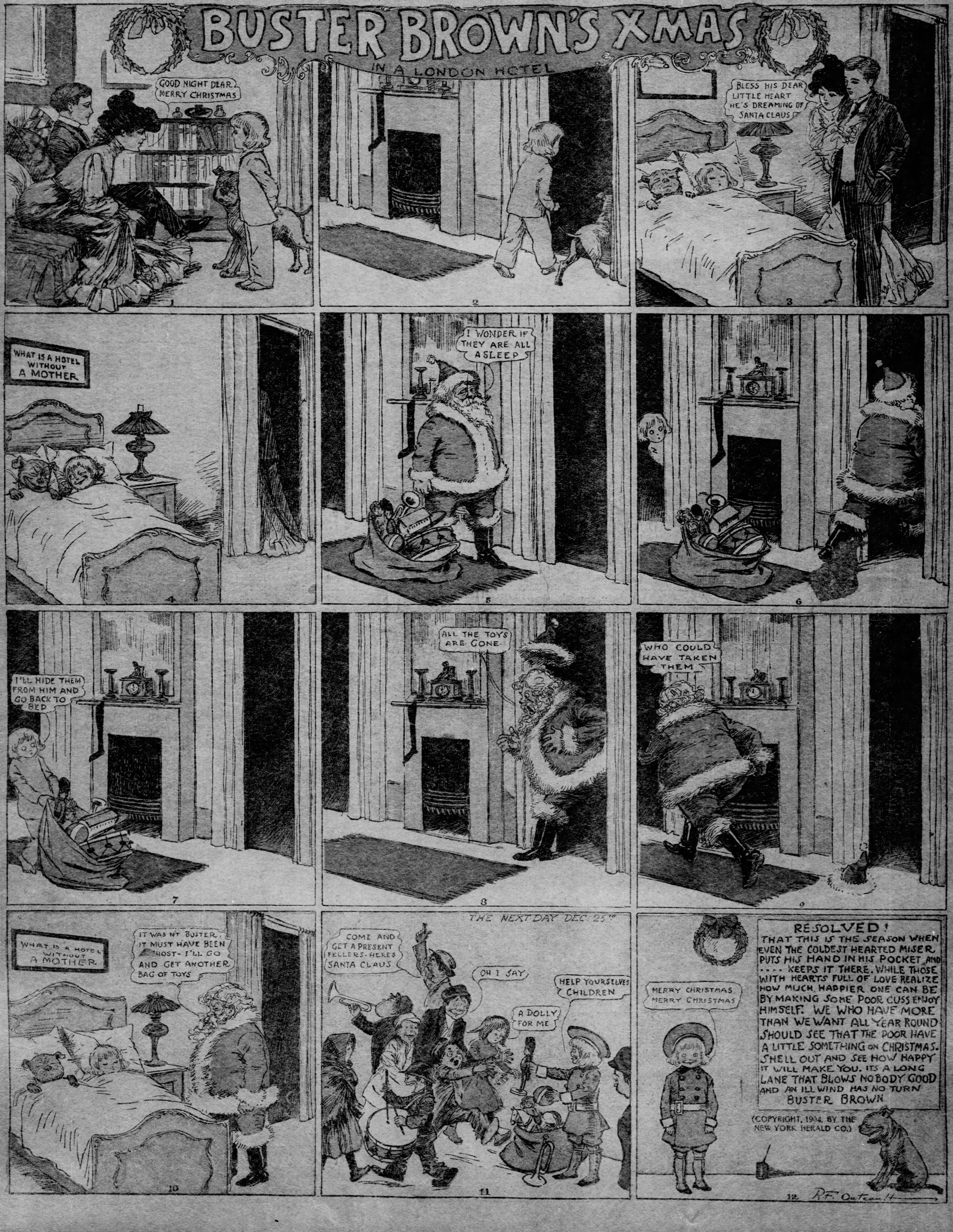
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